

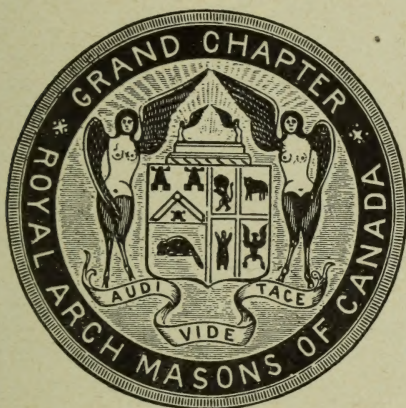


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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Canada

AT THE
Seventieth Annual Convocation

A.D. 1928



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Held in Masonic Temple,
250-4 Queen's Avenue,
City of London, Ontario,
Wednesday and Thursday, February 22nd and 23rd,
A.D. 1928, A. Inv. 2458

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

EDWIN SMITH,
London, Ont.
Grand Z.

HENRY T. SMITH,
Toronto, Ont.
Grand Scribe E.



M. E. COMP. EDWIN SMITH
Grand First Principal Z.

Grand Chapter of Canada

PROCEEDINGS

THE SEVENTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
CANADA WAS HELD IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE,
CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY AND
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY, 22ND AND 23RD, A.D.,
1928, A. INV., 2458.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp.	Kenneth J. Dunstan	Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R. "	Edwin Smith	Grand H.	
R. "	W. G. Price	Grand J.	
M. "	George Moore	Grand Treasurer	
R. "	Henry T. Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
R. "	Fred. R. Martin	Grand Scribe N.	
R. "	W. E. Gowling	Grand Principal Sojourner	
R. "	A. D. MacIntyre	Grand Registrar	
M. "	W. N. Ponton	Grand Historian	
	R. M. Simmie	Grand Janitor	

ASSISTANT OFFICERS

R. "	J. B. Nixon	Grand Lecturer
" "	Joseph Molloy	as Grand Senior Sojourner
" "	Geo. W. Slack	as Grand Junior Sojourner
V. "	H. G. Meir	Grand Sword Bearer
" "	Frank McLean	as Grand Master 1st Veil
R. "	A. H. Jones	as Grand Master 2nd Veil
" "	Joseph E. Baker	as Grand Master 3rd Veil
V. "	Geo. E. Richardson	Grand Master 4th Veil
" "	A. M. Bond	as Grand Standard Bearer
V. "	W. H. Hoare	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
R. "	J. H. C. Woodward	as Grand Organist
V. "	Harry E. Abell	Grand Pursuivant
V. "	S. G. Newdick	as Grand Steward
" "	A. Carrothers	as Grand Steward
" "	Thomas Cousins	as Grand Steward
" "	F. G. Smith	as Grand Steward
V. "	J. Shrubsole	as Grand Steward
V. "	J. T. Cameron	as Grand Steward
" "	W. W. Wees	as Grand Steward
" "	C. W. Fraser	as Grand Steward
" "	B. H. Price	as Grand Steward
" "	S. D. Hill	as Grand Steward

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp.	W. F. Waddington	 Windsor	Dist. No. 1
" "	John C. Reid	 Petrolia	" 2
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" "	Arthur Winn	 Newmarket	" 8
" "	John W. Lawrence	 Toronto	" 8a
" "	Ralph E. Robertson	 Collingwood	" 9
" "	George W. P. Every	 Whitby	" 10
" "	Harry J. Clarke	 Belleville	" 11
" "	Herbert F. Ward	 Gananoque	" 12
" "	Will H. Hooper	 Carleton Place	" 13
" "	Edmund Cocker	 Port Arthur	" 14
" "	Benjamin F. Nott	 North Bay	" 15
" "	Frank L. Smiley	 New Liskeard	" 16

PAST GRAND Zs.

M. Ex. Comps. George Moore and W. N. Ponton.

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10 o'clock a.m.

COMMITTEES ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Chapters, reported that there were 155 Warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which 128 were represented by the following Companions:

- No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui,
Kingston.*
Ex. Comp. J. Bleakley, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills,
P.Z.
- No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*
M. Ex. Comp. George Moore (Proxy), P.Z.

- No. 3. *St. John's, London.*
Ex. Comps. W. J. Kilpatrick, Z.; William Vaughan, J.; J. A. Elgie, W. R. Kennedy, C. E. A. Webb, A. L. Simmie, A. M. Trick, W. E. Cane, J. H. Wilson, A. Carrothers, S. McCoy; V. Ex. Comp. Charles Gilbert; R. Ex. Comps. Oliver Ellwood; Thomas Rowe, John Graham, A. E. Cooper, P.Z.'s.
- No. 4. *St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. S. R. A. Clements, Z.; W. H. Price, J.; Geo. W. Slack, G. C. Kirby; R. Ex. Comps. E. Lankin, Henry T. Smith, P.Z.'s.
- No. 5. *St. George's, London.*
Ex. Comps. F. J. Delaney, Z.; R. W. Knapman, H.; W. N. Noble, W. K. Parkinson, J. B. Smith, Thomas Cousins, W. A. O'Dell, Robert Pearse, M. B. Percival; V. Ex. Comps. H. E. Abell, F. S. Thompson, A. A. Campbell, R. Ex. Comps. J. S. Barnard, H. E. Livermore, Edwin Smith, P.Z.'s.
- No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*
Ex. Comps. George W. Britton, Z.; J. A. Spittle; V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Stephenson; R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, P.Z.'s.
- No. 7. *The Moira, Belleville.*
Ex. Comp. S. C. Licence, Z.; M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.Z.
- No. 8. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Hoare (Proxy); R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, P.Z.'s.
- No. 15. *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
Ex. Comp. A. Chalmers, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. A. Saunders, P.Z.
- No. 16. *Carleton, Ottawa.*
Ex. Comp. F. G. Smith, Z.
- No. 18. *Oxford, Woodstock.*
Ex. Comp. W. H. Thompson, Z.; R. Ex. Comps. W. Y. Morrison, M. E. Sherwood, P.Z.'s.
- No. 19 *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
Ex. Comp. H. McKay (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 20. *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
Ex. Comp. G. F. Trenwith, Z.; H. Tetlaw, P.Z.

- No. 22. *Grenville, Prescott.*
M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 23. *Ezra, Simcoe.*
R. Ex. Comps. J. H. Shaw, C. Misner, P.Z.'s.
- No. 24. *Tecumseh, Stratford.*
R. Ex. Comp. John Stevenson (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 26. *St. Mark's, Trenton.*
R. Ex. Comps. W. J. Potts (Proxy); A. D. MacIntyre, P.Z.'s.
- No. 27. *Manitou, Collingwood.*
Ex. Comp. W. P. Dey, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. R. E. Robertson, P.Z.
- No. 28. *Pentalpha, Oshawa.*
Ex. Comp. C. C. Stenhouse, Z.
- No. 30. *Huron, Goderich.*
Ex. Comps. A. J. MacKay, Z.; Hugh Hill; R. Ex. Comp. H. C. Dunlop, P.Z.'s.
- No. 31. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
Ex. Comp. James Wright; R. Ex. Comp. Joseph H. Colden, P.Z.'s.
- No. 32. *Waterloo, Galt.*
Ex. Comps. T. W. Rutherford, H.; L. W. H. Ingall, James Ritchie; R. Ex. Comp. James H. Cowan, P.Z.'s.
- No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
Ex. Comp. Otto D. Williams, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. James Shrubsole; R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, P.Z.'s.
- No. 35. *Keystone, Whitby.*
Ex. Comps. F. T. Rowe, Z.; H. L. Taylor, H.; S. J. Spall; R. Ex. Comp. Geo. W. P. Every, P.Z.'s.
- No. 36. *Corinthian, Peterboro.*
R. Ex. Comp. Charles B. Adair (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 37. *Victoria, Port Hope.*
Ex. Comps. H. J. C. Beatty, Z.; W. F. McMahon; V. Ex. Comp. C. S. Hamly, P.Z.'s.
- No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
Ex. Comp. C. F. Griffenham, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. R. Mahoney; R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, P.Z.'s.

- No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*
Ex. Comp. Earl Empey (Proxy); V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Sutherland, P.Z.'s.
- No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
V. Ex. Comp. J. M. Thomson (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*
Ex. Comp. J. R. Hancock, Z.
- No. 46. *St. James, St. Marys.*
Ex. Comps. N. L. Brandon, Z.; J. N. Robinson, J.; Geo. Smith, P.Z.
- No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*
Ex. Comps. V. R. Weatherhead, Z.; W. H. Ferguson, F. A. Steinke, W. J. Haydon, V. Ex. Comps. J. G. Martin, J. L. Smith, P.Z.'s
- No. 48. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
Ex. Comp. R. S. Gilchrist, J.
- No. 53. *Bruce, Petrolia.*
Ex. Comps. N. C. Hibbert, Z.; R. Williamson, V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Wismer; R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Reid, P.Z.'s.
- No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
Ex Comps. W. C. Miller, Z., C. F. Boughner, James A. Ryckman, J. C. Spencer, W. W. Latternal; V. Ex. Comp. H. Mortin; R. Ex. Comps. G. F. Kennedy, T. L. Cochrane, P.Z.'s.
- No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*
Ex. Comp. E. H. Brennan (Proxy); V. Ex. Comp. A. J. Wood, P.Z.'s.
- No. 58. *Pembroke, Mattawa.*
R Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 59. *Sussex, Brockville.*
Ex. Comp. C. W. McLean (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 60. *Doric, Newmarket.*
Ex. Comp. A. B. Gardiner; R. Ex. Comp A. Winn (Proxy), P.Z.'s.
- No. 61. *Granite, Almonte.*
R. Ex. Comp. H. W. Lundy (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 62. *York, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. Ben Logie, Z.; S. H. Thomas, H.; G. E. Rennie, J.; A. Paton, J. T. Waston, A. B. Dalby, E. C. Coath, F Markham, V. Ex. Comp. C. F. Brookes, R. Ex. Comp. A. J. Brown, P.Z.'s.

- No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine,*
Ex. Comps. S. McKenzie, Z.; Earl Hall, F. E.
Schilroth; R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Clements, P.Z.'s
- No. 64. *Willson, Welland.*
Ex. Comp. J. C. Gothard, Z.
- No. 65. *St. Paul's, Toronto.*
R. Ex. Comp. A. F. Webster; M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth
J. Dunstan, P.Z.'s
- No. 67. *Enterprise, Palmerston.*
Ex. Comps. Harold Hall, Z.; Arnold Smith, J.; D.
Wilson, A. Beetlestone, R. Ex. Comp. Robert Bar-
ton, P.Z.'s.
- No. 70. *Grand River, Bracebridge.*
Ex. Comps. C. Spreadborough, Z.; W. C. Fryer,
John H. Hines, P.Z.'s
- No. 71. *Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.*
Ex. Comps. P. G. French, Z.; G. Mickle, P.Z.
- No. 72. *Keystone, Stirling.*
Ex. Comp. George E. Sine, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. T. W.
Solmes, P.Z.
- No. 73. *Erie, Ridgetown.*
Ex. Comps. John G. Montgomery, Z.; Robert C.
McCutcheon, H.; Harold Childs, P.Z.
- No. 74. *Beaver, Stratford.*
Ex. Comps. George F. McFadden, Z.; E. T. Lewis,
H. Hutspith; R. Ex. Comp. E. R. McNeill, P.Z.'s.
- No. 75. *St. Clair, Milton.*
R. Ex. Comp. M. S. Sproat (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 76. *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.*
Ex. Comp. S. J. Escott, Z.
- No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. J. A. Graveley, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. S. G.
Newdick; R. Ex. Comps. J. W. Hickson, J. W.
Lawrence, P.Z.'s.
- No. 78. *Minnewawa, Parkhill.*
Ex. Comp. A. B. Gilbert; V. Ex. Comp. F. T. Zapfe,
P.Z.'s.
- No. 79. *Orient, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. Thomas McDonald, H.; A. H. Jones,
P.Z.

- No. 80. *Ark, Windsor.*
Ex. Comps. C. S. Smith, Z.; H. Waddington, R. Ex.
Comps. P. J. McConnell, M B. Squire, W. F.
Waddington, P.Z.'s.
- No. 81. *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
Ex. Comps. C. B. Monteith, Z.; E. W. McNeice, J.
- No. 82. *Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
Ex. Comp. H. Lovelady, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. E.
Cocker, P.Z.
- No. 83. *Ionic, Orangeville.*
Ex Comps. W. W. Marshall, Z.; R. Fairburn, H.;
C. Lamont, J.; W. J. Adams, T. S. Parkinson, R.
Ex. Comp. J. A. V. Preston, P.Z.'s.
- No. 84. *Lebanon, Wingham.*
Ex. Comps. G. H. Ross (Proxy), A. Reid, P.Z.'s.
- No. 86. *Macpherson, Meaford.*
Ex. Comp. T. H. Randall, Z.
- No. 88. *MacNabb, Dresden.*
R. Ex. Comp. Edward Worth, P.Z.
- No. 90. *Golden, Kenora.*
Ex. Comp. A. G. Stevenson (Proxy), R. Ex. Comp.
W. Whittaker, P.Z.'s.
- No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. A. Fletcher; R. Ex. Comp. P. K. Perry
(Proxy), P.Z.'s.
- No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*
R. Ex. Comp. C. L. Davidson (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 95. *Tuscan, Sudbury.*
Ex. Comps. W. J. Hambley, Z.; W. J. Warwick, L.
E. Mills; V. Ex. Comp. James A. Orr, P.Z.'s.
- No. 100. *St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
Ex. Comp. H. E. Gardiner, Z.
- No. 102. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
Ex. Comp. A. H. Clark; V. Ex. Comp. G. E.
Richardson, P.Z.'s
- No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
Ex. Comp. F. C. J. Foster, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. B. F.
Nott, P.Z.

- No. 110. *Warkworth, Warkworth.*
Ex. Comp. J. L. Phillips, Z.
- No. 112. *St. John's, Morrisburg.*
Ex. Comp. David Fink (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*
Ex. Comp. J. Sugden, Z.
- No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
Ex. Comp. H. Guest, Z.; J. C. Fraser, P.Z.
- No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*
Ex. Comps. W. W. Tough, Z.; H. C. McCaul, H.; W. H. Shaw, J.; J. B. Appleby; R. Ex. Comps. W. J. Logie, B. C. Brown, P.Z.'s
- No. 116. *Maple, Carleton Place.*
R Ex. Comp. W. H. Hooper (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 117. *Kitchener, Kitchener.*
Ex. Comp. W. C. Duench, H.; R. Ex. Comp. W. Downing (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 132. *Leeds, Gananoque.*
R. Ex. Comp. H. F. Ward (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 133. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
Ex. Comps. Clifford Eaton, Z.; J. J. Gardiner; V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Wilson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 134 *King Darius, Cannington.*
Ex. Comp. Thos. Bell, Z.
- No. 135. *Succoth, Uxbridge.*
R. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 138. *Shekinah, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. F. G. Sawyer, Z.; R. Ex. Comps. John Marr, W. J. Wadsworth, P.Z.'s.
- No. 139 *St. Andrew's, Havelock.*
Ex. Comp. T. P. Lancaster (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 140. *Fort William, Fort William.*
R. Ex. Comp. E. Cocker (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 143. *Presque Isle, Brighton.*
Ex. Comp. R. J. Taylor, Z.
- No. 145. *The St. Patrick, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. H. W. Thompson, Z.; G. W. Wilson; F. G. McLean; V. Ex. Comp. P. W. Rogers; R. Ex. Comps. B. Cairns, W. J. Tow, P.Z.'s.

- No. 146. *Bernard, Listowel.*
Ex. Comp. S. Coghlin, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Donaldson, P.Z.
- No. 150. *London, London.*
Ex Comps. W. N. Legg, Z.; J. W. Plewes, H.; E. Chamberlain, J.; J. E. Keays, T. Coleridge, G. Garrow, G. Overton, S. T. Head, T. W. Copp, C. M. Linnell, G. W. Reed, F. E. Harley, C. R. Hoare, R. Ex. Comps. W. Lancaster, J. H. C. Woodward, Charles C. Reed, L. A. Boss, P.Z.'s.
- No. 151. *Laurentian, Pembroke.*
Ex. Comp. C. W. Fraser, Z.
- No. 152. *Alberton, Fort Frances.*
Ex. Comp. W. W. Wees (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 153. *Sombra, Wallaceburg.*
Ex. Comps. E. W. Shaw, E. E. Cousins, A. G. Campbell, G. E. Norman, P.Z.'s
- No. 154. *Klondike, Dawson.*
R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith (Proxy).
- No. 161. *Madoc, Madoc.*
Ex. Comp. Thomas E. Laycock, Z.
- No. 163. *The Beaches, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. C. H. Smart, Z.; G. E. Dodd, Alexander Bond; R. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, P.Z.'s.
- No. 164. *Lorne, West Lorne.*
Ex. Comp. James McKillop, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Dugald Turner, P.Z.
- No. 168. *Ionic, Campbellford.*
Ex. Comp. E. G. Tinney, Z.
- No. 169. *Temiskaming, New Liskeard.*
Ex. Comp. J. T. Bews (Proxy), R. Ex. Comp. F. L. Smiley, P.Z.'s
- No. 175. *The Hamilton, Hamilton.*
Ex. Comp. A. P. L. Goering (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 184. *Hugh Murray, Bridgeburg.*
Ex. Comps. J. H. Sampson, Z.; H. W. Jamieson, P.Z.
- No. 185. *Toronto, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. F. C. Becker (Proxy), P.Z.

- No. 195. *Peel, Brampton.*
Ex. Comps. J. L. Mackle, Z.; D. H. Cowling, R. V. Conover, T. W. Fereday, L. R. Halman; V. Ex. Comp. T. Moorehead; R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Lowry, P.Z.'s.
- No. 198. *Couchiching, Orillia.*
Ex. Comp. B. H. Price, Z.; William Calvert; R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Tudhope, P.Z.'s.
- No. 203. *Cobalt, Cobalt.*
Ex. Comp. A. Brian (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 205. *Victoria, Thornhill.*
Ex. Comp. J. H. Roberts, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. J. A. Thompson; R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang, P.Z.'s.
- No. 212. *Mount Sinai, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. Bernard Seigler, Z.; Mark Cohen, P.Z.
- No. 213. *Northern Lights, Timmins.*
Ex. Comp. W. Dalzell, Z.
- No. 217. *St. Alban's, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. William Hughes, P.Z.
- No. 220. *Lebanon, Lambton Mills.*
Ex. Comp. J. F. Molloy, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. J. Austin Evans, P.Z.
- No. 221. *Durham, Durham.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. A. V. Preston (Proxy).
- No. 222. *Ottawa, Ottawa.*
Ex. Comps. S. D. Hill, Z.; E. J. McCleery; R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Gowling, P.Z.'s.
- No. 223. *Abitibi, Iroquois Falls.*
Ex. Comp. T. Mills, Z.
- No. 224. *Keystone, Hamilton.*
R. Ex. Comps. Fred R. Martin (Proxy), P. E. Lumsden, P.Z.'s.
- No. 225. *Beaver, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. J. Alcorn, Z.; E. S. Calder, G. H. Creber, Joseph E. Baker, W. G. Anderson, H. A. Miller, P.Z.'s.
- No. 227. *Quinte Friendship, Belleville.*
Ex. Comp. J. B. Findlay, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. H. J. Clarke, P.Z.

- No. 230. *Port Credit, Port Credit.*
Ex. Comps. Charles H. Burgess, Z.; R. H. Jamieson, H.; R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price, P.Z.
- No. 231. *The St. Clair, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. A. Art Gray (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 234. *Halton, Georgetown.*
Ex. Comp. B. C. Arnold (Proxy); V. Ex. Comps. J. T. Cameron, H. G. Meir, P.Z.'s.
- No. 235. *Aurora, Aurora.*
Ex. Comps F. S. Babcock, H.; J. H. L. Ward, J.; F. R. Underhill; V. Ex. Comp. W. R. McQuade, P.Z.'s.
- No. 238. *The St. Andrew, London.*
Ex. Comps. R. L. Armstrong, Z.; H. Orr, H.; W. L. Stewart, J. W. Wild; R. Ex. Comp. A. Stanley H. Cree, P.Z.'s.
- No. 239. *Blenheim, Blenheim.*
Ex. Comp. W. J. Baird; V. Ex. Comp. W. L. Shillington, P.Z.'s
- No. 240. *Smithville, Smithville.*
Ex. Comp. Frank Hays; R. Ex. Comp. John H. Patterson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 241. *University, Toronto.*
R. Ex. Comp. C. H. C. Wright (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 242. *St. Paul's, Lambeth.*
Ex. Comps. David Irvin, Z.; W. Heron, H.; R. R. Lloyd, J.; G. H. Hardy, P.Z.
- No. 243. *McKay, Stoney Creek.*
Ex. Comp. L. F. McDougall (Proxy), P.Z.
- No. 244. *Cochrane, Cochrane.*
Ex. Comps. H. E. McGill, Z.; D. W. Cameron, P.Z.
- No. 245. *Preston, Preston.*
Ex. Comps. W. D. Thompson, Z.; H. W. Steel, H.; M. H. Smith, J.; J. A. King, F. E. Yealland, P.Z.'s.
- No. 246. *Humber, Weston.*
Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel; R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong (Proxy), P.Z.'s.

No. 247.

Nilestown, Nilestown.

Ex. Comps. T. Beattie, Z.; J. G. Green, H.; W. E. Summers, J.; G. H. Martin, P.Z.

No. 249.

Palestine, Bowmanville.

Ex. Comp. S. J. Spall, P.Z.

Seventy-nine Chapters were represented by regular officers; thirty-three were represented by Proxy; sixteen were represented by Past Z.'s; total Chapters represented one hundred and twenty-eight. There were 378 delegates registered, having a total of 560 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. W. HAENTSCHEL, Chairman,
B. CAIRNS,
W. LANCASTER,
W. J. ARMSTRONG,
THOMAS McDONALD,
E. S. CALDER,

Committee.

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. Ex. Grand Z. announced that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, and properly vouched for, would as visitors be admitted during the sessions of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Ottawa, Wednesday and Thursday, February 23rd and 24th, 1927, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Wednesday and Thursday, February 23rd and 24th, 1927, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed.

CIVIC WELCOME

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood introduced Ex. Comp. Alderman W. J. Kilpatrick and Comp. Alderman Allan Tow, who in felicitous terms, on behalf of the citizens of London, welcomed the delegates in attendances, and the Grand Z. in a pleasing manner accepted the words of welcome.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was introduced by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton and received by the Grand Z.

Comp. A. B. Barr, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Chancellor, Knights Templars, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and received by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills.

R. Ex. Comp. Alfred F. Webster, Sovereign Grand Commander, A. and A. Scottish Rite of Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada, was introduced by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore and received by the Grand Z.

R. Ex. Comp. T. L. Cochrane, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Canada, Royal and Select Masters of the Cryptic Rite, was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. Austin Evans and received by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith.

M. Ex. Comp. A. B. J. Moore, Grand First Principal, and R. Ex. Comp. W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E., of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. H. C. Wright and received by the Grand Z.

M. Ex. Comp. George King Phillips, Past Grand High Priest, and R. Ex. Comp. Warner K. McSween, Grand Scribe, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith and received by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price.

M. Ex. Comp. Samuel E. Forster, Grand High Priest, R. Ex. Comp. William H. Condit, Deputy

Grand High Priest, R. Ex. Comp. Edward Rolle, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of New York, and R. Ex. Comp. John W. Baird, Past High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of New York, were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Alexander Cowan and received by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton.

M. Ex. Comp. Walton K. Swetland, Grand High Priest, R. Ex. Comp. August P. Kunzig, Grand King, and M. Ex. Comp. Thomas McConnell, Grand Treasurer, of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner and received by the Grand Z.

M. Ex. Comp. O. Frank Hart, Supreme Grand Master, General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, and R. Ex. Comp. Daniel McMillan, representing the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. T. L. Cochrane and received by the Grand Z.

Grand Honours were accorded the distinguished visitors.

FELICITATIONS FROM THE LONDON CHAPTER

On behalf of the Chapters of the City of London and two Suburban Chapters, R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood presented the following address:

"To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Ex. Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

"The Companions of the City of London, together with those of the Suburban Chapters of Lambeth and Nilestown desire to extend to you a sincere and fraternal welcome to the City of London on this, the Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and also express our continued devotion to the Royal Craft and our loyalty to the Grand Chapter.

"It is seven years since a Convocation of Grand Chapter was held in London. Seven is a familiar word in Craft Masonry and is a symbol of perfec-

tion. Now we cannot claim to have reached that enviable state, but we may fairly claim to have held steadfast in our pursuit of that ideal. Our community has made notable progress in its material affairs, in its educational development, and its philanthropic and religious institutions. In the history of Royal Arch Masonry, three new Chapters have been instituted, The St. Andrew in London, St. Paul's, Lambeth, and Nilestown at Nilestown, and these together with the older Chapters rival each other in harmony and strict adherence to our beautiful ritual and loyalty to the constitution of your august body.

"The influence of the Grand Chapter ever brings home to us the fundamental lesson that harmony is a prime and vital essential to our progress and that should occasion arise, as it sometimes does, Companions should at all times be ready to subordinate Self, that harmony might prevail. So long as that virtue is cheerfully practiced and the qualifications for membership rigidly adhered to, our Chapters may reasonably look forward with confidence to the continuance of bright and prosperous conditions.

"The Royal Arch degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry and is just as truly a part of the system as are the symbolic degrees. That fact should be realized by every Companion of the Holy Royal Arch, and by him made known to our less informed Brethren.

"The beauties and importance of the ceremonies and teachings of Capitular Masonry will continue to appeal to men as ever before, yielding an influence for good in every community where a Chapter exists. And notwithstanding the lapse of interest at times in the life of the local Chapter, the pendulum ever and anon swings back over the full curve of the Arc, and interest again revives in the ritualistic work, and in the increasing membership, and shines forth in the friendships and contacts formed among the Companions.

"We realize matters of great importance will engage the attention of Grand Chapter, but we

have every confidence that these will be solved in the interest and for the advancement of our beloved fraternity. When the work is completed, and labour ended, we trust you may return to your homes inspired to further individual efforts on behalf of your respective Chapters and with happy recollections of your visit to the beautiful City of London, and of the hospitality of the Companions here."

Fraternally submitted on behalf of:

St. John's Chapter No. 3, W. J. Kilpatrick, Z.

St. George's Chapter No. 5, F. Delaney, Z.

London Chapter No. 150, W. N. Legg, Z.

The St. Andrew Chapter N. 238, R. L. Armstrong, Z.

St. Paul's Chapter No. 242, Thos. Beattie, Z.

Nilestown Chapter, No. 247, David Irwin, Z.

In a happy manner the Grand Z. thanked the members of the deputation, and asked them to convey his sincere thanks to the London and Suburban Chapters for the words of welcome extended to him, as well as to the delegates in attendance.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The M. Ex. the Grand Z., directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters when they assembled before the Altar. The following Grand Representatives answered to their names:

R.	Ex. Comp.	Edwin Smith	Alabama
R.	"	C. W. Haentschel	Arizona
R.	"	James H. Cowan	Florida
M.	"	W. N. Ponton	Georgia
R.	"	John Stevenson	Indiana
R.	"	Edward Lankin	Iowa
R.	"	John Graham	Kentucky
R.	"	W. Y. Mills	Louisiana
R.	"	Marshall E. Sherwood	Maine
R.	"	Henry T. Smith	Michigan
R.	"	Oliver Ellwood	Minnesota
R.	"	Wm. J. Tow	Missouri
M.	"	K. J. Dunstan	New Jersey
R.	"	W. H. Tudhope	New South Wales
R.	"	J. Austin Evans	New Zealand
R.	"	George L. Gardiner	North Dakota

M.	"	"	George Moore	Nova Scotia
R.	"	"	Ed. Worth	Oklahoma
R.	"	"	Bernard Cairns	Saskatchewan
R.	"	"	A. E. Cooper	South Dakota
R.	"	"	Walter G. Price	Tennessee
R.	"	"	J. B. Nixon	Vermont
R.	"	"	Joseph W. Hickson	Victoria
R.	"	"	Alexander Cowan	West Virginia
R.	"	"	William J. Wadsworth	Wisconsin

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. extended words of welcome to the various Grand Representatives, to which R. Ex. Comp. M. E. Sherwood made a suitable reply.

After Grand Honours had been accorded, the Grand Representatives, at the invitation of the Grand Z., took seats on the dais, and then M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan presented the following address:—

ADDRESS OF GRAND Z.

To the Officers and Excellent Companions of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

It is with pleasure that I most cordially and fraternally welcome you to this the Seventieth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Formation of Grand Chapter.

On January 19th, 1857, in the City of Hamilton three Chapters comprising one hundred and two members met together and formed this Grand Body. At the beginning it had Jurisdiction over Chapters in the whole of Canada except Prince Edward Island. Several Chapters worked under its Warrants in far-off Australia.

In process of time as the Royal Craft became numerically and financially strong in the various Provinces of our wide-spread Dominion one Province after another established Grand Jurisdictions of their own carrying with them the good will and love of the Mother from which they sprang.

To-day the Jurisdiction is confined to Ontario with one Chapter in the Yukon which still prefers allegiance to the Parent Body.

Notwithstanding this loss of territory and numerical strength the small band of faithful Companions has grown into an army of over twenty-six thousand and the future never was brighter or more encouraging than it is to-day.

All Grand Superintendents emphasize the peace and harmony which prevail throughout their respective Districts. They lay special stress upon the growth in interest and in true Masonic spirit as evidenced by the life and vitality of the Chapters and the enthusiasm and keen interest of the members.

There is every reason for believing that the Royal Craft is steadily carrying on its mission and that on its Seventieth Anniversary it could look backward with pride and satisfaction upon an

honourable past and could look forward with hope and confidence to a bright and encouraging future.

Confederation.

Our great Dominion celebrated the Sixtieth Anniversary of its birth as a nation.

True greatness is measured in terms of character.

On a foundation laid by others, we, as Masons, must erect a superstructure of individual character perfect in its parts. If we do, all will be well.

On a foundation also laid by others we are erecting a superstructure of national character. If we build with vision, courage, wisdom and knowledge, again all will be well. The material and the spiritual are interlinked and no matter how vast our natural resources or how widespread our commerce we cannot win the admiration of the world or maintain our own self respect unless as a people our standard of life and character is high.

As Masons we have a peculiar responsibility. We must bind ourselves apprentices to the trade of doing good. By practicing virtue we will add new strength to that which is strong. In moulding the character of others we should mold and enrich our own. Our lives should adorn the ethics and principles we teach.

The Order is founded upon the eternal verities of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, and upon this broad and universal foundation we are building stone by stone. Let us ask ourselves how perfectly. Let us realize our responsibilities and ask how they are being discharged. The answer is in the life we live. It is not enough for a man that he lives. The question is what does he live for and from what source does he derive his inspirations.

Masonry actively aims to inspire its members with a keen desire and a firm determination to be useful and upright. Its code of morals and its standard of ethics are high and are beyond just criticism. Masonry enjoins its members to study and educate themselves that they may the better fit

themselves for the duties of citizenship. We are to be tolerant. We should drive out hatred, ill will and arrogance and open our hearts to sympathy and love. Masonry is a great guiding star leading us forward to the goal of all human longing, the common Brotherhood of man.

Looking down a long vista of time may we not see international peace, good will and happiness. It is a glorious dream. Let us work to bring it to pass.

In the formation and development of a high type of national character Masonry and all for which it stands should have far reaching influence and effect.

If a grain of indigo can colour a ton of water or a grain of musk can scent a room who can measure or set bounds to the influence of one hundred and fifteen thousand earnest craftsmen in this Province alone upon that type of national character which will distinguish Canadians in the judgment of the world and be attributed to us in the mirror of history.

The Celebration of Confederation should be an inspiration. It should tend to weld together in one common whole the various elements which compose our scattered population and join them in one common effort to make our country greater and ever greater as the years progress.

“Still the horizon lures and the morrow calls.”

The body cannot be healthy if one part is in the hospital.

Tolerance, mutual support and—within reasonable limits—the bearing of each others burdens are all necessary in a young country still suffering its growing pains.

To cultivate and practise these qualities is a Masonic as well as a Civic duty.

If sacrifice be involved, let us make it ungrudgingly because it is right and because in the end it will make for better understanding, stronger national sentiment and a more united people.

There is also inspiration in the thought that it is only about three hundred years since the first white settlers set foot upon our soil. "Buccaneers, traders, rovers of the main, gentlemen some, adventurers all, men o'war, merchant men, bearers of the cross." To-day Canada has an acknowledged place among the nations of the world.

Our history should be a stimulus to honourable conduct and noble effort. It should determine us to face our problems with courage and teach us to remember that not for ourselves do we labour but for the good of all humanity.

If we are true to our trust, if as men and Masons we play our part, may we not as in a vision see Canada as a great beacon light upon a distant hilltop radiating light and hope throughout the dark places of the world, beckoning men and women to a land of sunshine and prosperity, a land of clean living, happy homes, high character, tolerance, brotherly love and truth.

"God of our Fathers be the God of our succeeding race."

Grants.

After consultation with Past Grand First Principals, the Grand Treasurer and the Chairman of Audit and Finance, I authorized a grant of £100 to the National Memorial to Queen Alexandra to be erected in London, England.

Having regard to the connection between the Royal Family and Masonry in the persons particularly of the late King Edward, the Duke of Connaught, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, and also in the interest of Imperial sentiment, I am sure a contribution to a Memorial to the wife of a Past Grand Master and one who in herself was beloved by all and outstanding in works of charity will meet with your approval.

His Grace the Duke of Portland, President of the Memorial, asked that an expression of the most cordial thanks of his Executive Committee be conveyed to this Grand Chapter.

Visits.

The universality of Masonry is at once a source of strength to the Order and a source of joy and pleasure to its members. Friendship is indeed the medicine of life. It is like gold which does not rust. It is a treasure which waxes not old. The feeling of friendship and fraternal regard which we hold one for the other must not be confined within the portals of a Chapter room. Every opportunity should be taken to lengthen our cable tow. It has been truly said that a Mason finds in every clime a brother and in every land a home.

On your behalf it has been my privilege to express warm feelings of regard and good will to the officers and members of the Grand Chapters of Quebec, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New York.

It was gratifying to find that the Royal Craft is making steady progress in our Sister Province. Our Companions carry on under special difficulties which add to and increase their responsibilities. I am sure that these will be so discharged as to dispel eventually the mists of uninformed criticism and of doubt as to the true aims and objects of our Order which prejudices a large section of the community within their Jurisdiction. Let me express the sincere hope that at no distant day we may all work together for the advancement of a common country and the good of a common humanity.

They are peculiarly fortunate in having as their Grand Z., Most Excellent Companion Alex. B. J. Moore, who possesses outstanding ability, dignity and culture combined with much charm of personality.

With gratitude I acknowledge the kindness, courtesy and attention shown me by our good friends in the United States and trust these interchanges of visits will strengthen in no small measure that feeling of amity and good will which happily exists between the two Countries.

I was able to visit every District but one in our own Jurisdiction. Everywhere there was abundant evidence of life, vitality and

enthusiasm. Everywhere the welcome was most cordial and it was a privilege and a pleasure to meet so many whom otherwise I might never have known. A notable week was spent in the Northern portion of the Province with meetings at Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, North Bay, Haileybury, Iroquois Falls and Timmins. It was a mental tonic to mix with the strong virile sons of the North and to share with them their optimism and their confidence in the future of this wonderful portion of our land.

An invitation was received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland to be a guest at the Festival of the Vernal Equinox which will be held at 5 o'clock in the Royal Arch Halls, 75 Queen St., Edinburgh, on Wednesday, 21st March, next. Unfortunately, the barrier of distance prevented acceptance but I conveyed by letter the warm fraternal greetings and sincere good wishes of the Royal Arch Masons within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

Grand Representatives.

In recognition of valuable service I had pleasure in recommending the appointment of the following Companions to represent the Grand Chapters named near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Maryland—R. Ex. Comp. Frank Ebbitt, Iroquois Falls.

Missouri—R. Ex. Comp. William J. Tow, Toronto.

Nevada—R. Ex. Comp. John F. Marr, Guelph.

New Zealand—R. Ex. Comp. J. Austin Evans, Toronto.

Virginia—R. Ex. Comp. W. J. McCollum, Toronto.

Washington—R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, Hamilton.

Representatives from Grand Chapter of Canada.

The following Companions having been duly recommended were appointed to represent the Grand Chapter of Canada near their respective Jurisdictions.

Georgia—R. Ex. Comp. Charles R. McCord, Macon.

Iowa—R. Ex. Comp. E. W. F. Holler, Brooklyn.

In Memoriam.

While their names and deeds will be recorded in the report on Fraternal dead, I must refer, though briefly, to three Companions who were known and esteemed by reason of their personality, their long intimate association with the Craft and their outstanding contributions to the Order to which they dedicated so much of their lives.

R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett was elected Grand Scribe E. in 1899 and faithfully and well performed the duties of that important office until 1915 when ill health compelled him to retire.

R. Ex. Comp. John. A. Cowan was widely known throughout his fifty-three years association with the Craft. He was one of the founders of The St. Patrick Chapter in which he remained a great force. He also founded and published "The Freemason." His genial disposition endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

R. Ex. Comp. Alexander G. Horwood was also prominent for over fifty years. He was Grand Superintendent, Toronto District, in 1896. As Secretary-Treasurer for more than thirty years of the Toronto Technical School he rendered valuable service to that branch of education.

The memory of these Companions will long remain in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to enjoy their friendship while they sojourned with us here below.

To their families we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

“There is only one way to get ready for immortality and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and faithfully and cheerfully as we can.”

New Chapters.

New Chapters were instituted at Arnprior and Bowmanville. In each case the Charter members were men of experience and character keenly interested in the future welfare of the Chapter which they had brought into existence.

Dedications.

Adequate, comfortable and well-equipped Chapter rooms were dedicated at Orillia, Trenton, Smithville and Whitby.

Rulings.

The Scribe E. of Beaver Chapter, Toronto, No. 225, wrote that the following motion had been unanimously adopted by the Chapter at its June Convocation “That the consent of Beaver Chapter be given to the formation of a Motor Club to be called “Beaver Chapter Motor Club” subject to the approval of Grand Chapter.” I ruled that it was not in the best interest of Masonry that the name of a Chapter should be associated with any outside club or organization.

The First Principal of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham, wrote stating that no objection having been taken to a collective ballot, the ballots were distributed. Companions were asked if they had all received ballots. The ballot having been taken they were asked if all had voted. The ballot was then declared closed. It was examined by the Second, Third and First Principals and the box placed on the Altar. The First Principal then asked if any Companion wished to examine the ballot. Two exercised this right. The Second and Third Principals found the ballot favourable to the candidates as did the First Principal who thereupon declared them elected and the ballot was destroyed. There

then arose a Companion who asked how many black balls were in the box. The First Principal said there was one. The Companion stated that it had been his intention to deposit a black ball and that he had used one which was discoloured thinking it to be black. He claimed that the election was illegal. As full opportunity had been given to all Companions to examine the ballot box and as no previous exception had been taken, I ruled that the candidates having been declared elected the matter was closed.

Dispensations.

One hundred and one Dispensations were issued by the Grand Scribe E. to which reference will be made in his report. They include the following:

St. John's No. 103, North Bay—To accept application and confer Capitular degrees on Bro. T. P. Patton who had lost his left arm.

Tuscan Chapter No. 95, Sudbury—To accept application and confer Capitular degrees on Bro. Clement St. Aubyn Brooker, who lost his left arm in the Great War.

Lucknow Chapter, No. 52, Lucknow—To hold their meetings in the Odd Fellow's Hall until new premises could be procured, owing to Masonic Hall having been destroyed by fire.

Antiquity Chapter No. 91, Toronto—To accept application and confer Capitular degrees on Bro. William Atheson Clarke who has an artificial right arm.

I refused Dispensation to allow Royal Arch Regalia to be worn at an "At Home" to be held in a public place other than a Masonic Temple.

International Exchange of Visits.

I granted the request of Mt. Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, that Tonawanda Chapter No. 278, Tonawanda, N.Y., should visit them and exemplify the Royal Arch degree according to the Ritualistic Work of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

Masonic Courtesies.

I approved a request from the Grand Secretary of the State of New York on behalf of Fulton Chapter, New York, that McKay Chapter, Stoney Creek, should confer the Royal Arch degree on Brother James Douglas.

Revised Ritual.

The new Ritual adopted at the last Convocation has come into general use and has been favourably received. It is felt that our ceremonies are clothed in language of beauty and dignity. The explanatory passages enable both officers and candidates to better understand the full meaning and symbolism. Both alike should be impressed with a sense of reverence and of the solemnity of the occasion. Anything which may tend towards lightness or levity has no place in any Masonic ceremony.

The candidate's mind must be receptive to the exalted moral lessons of the degree. There is so much potential good in every man that we should aim at reaching the deeper depths by appealing to his better nature. The effect is lasting. Lightness, levity and amusement touch only the surface and produce no permanent good. There is a time and place for everything. We can mould character and make better men only by seeking that which is best in all of us.

It is believed that the new work will further and assist these ends.

While definite action cannot be taken before their respective Grand Chapter Convocations, there is strong probability—if not certainty—that several Jurisdictions will at once adopt this revision and it is hoped that it may lead eventually to a standard Ritual for all Canada.

There has also been prepared and now ready for distribution a new cipher code, directions as to the procedure to be adopted when receiving Grand Chapter officers into a Private Chapter, method of giving Grand Honours, outline of the comprehen-

sive symbolism of Honours at the banquet table and instructions as to the proper method of sharing the word.

It is hoped that this information will remove doubt and assist in the conduct of Chapter Proceedings.

Amendments to Constitution.

A resolution will be submitted for your consideration amending the Constitution to provide concurrent Jurisdiction between Chapters in the larger towns and cities and those in the suburban areas to meet the convenience and wishes of persons who while residing outside the municipality have all their affiliations with those who work and live within the limits. There will also be a resolution defining the character of the keystone. Both of these I commend for your approval.

Outside Organizations.

While every Royal Arch Mason as an individual should actively support and encourage every good and useful work, I am firmly of the opinion that no Chapter in its organized capacity should sponsor any society or movement whatever may be its aim or object.

The strength of Masonry in the past has been due in large measure to the exclusion of all things which may be controversial or which may divide or cause difference of opinion. We are a body of builders, building character, thereby making better men and better citizens and to this great work we should restrict our energies.

Character of Summonses.

A summons or notice of meeting should not be the avenue to communicate good feeling in the form of jokes or comic verse. The dignity of the Order should be maintained.

Grand Superintendents.

The Grand Superintendents deserve recognition for much work well performed. Theirs is an

arduous task involving much sacrifice of time and energy. They have evinced zeal and interest and have faithfully discharged their trust. There is, however, an unfortunate tendency to postpone visiting and inspecting Chapters until after the Summer recess. This results in fully half of the year passing without their coming into personal and direct contact with the Chapters over which they have supervision. Little time is then left for constructive action. Especially is this unfortunate with respect to those which for some reason are not making good progress and in which keen interest and enthusiasm is lacking.

I would strongly urge that future Grand Superintendents should immediately after their election obtain from their predecessors a statement showing the condition of each Chapter within the District and then enter into the full discharge of their duties, that their advice, encouragement and inspiration may work consistently throughout the whole year. Upon the knowledge obtained in the earlier period they can the better take whatever action may be desirable or necessary when activity revives in the Autumn.

Their election is a great honour which carries an equal responsibility and this responsibility cannot fully be discharged if inspections are postponed for months after their appointment.

The fault is not due to lack of inclination on the part of the Grand Superintendents but springs from a natural desire to meet the wishes of newly-installed officers who prefer postponing an official visit until they have acquired proficiency and practice has made perfect.

Superintendents must keep in mind the broader aspect of their work. These must not be neglected from a desire to meet the wishes of individual Chapters.

Due allowance must be made when new officers confer the ceremonies but the general condition of the Chapter, the spirit of peace and harmony which

prevails and the cultivation of true fraternal feeling are the great essentials.

Membership and Financial Position.

I am glad to report an increase in numerical strength and an improved financial position. Full information will be given in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E.

While there were fewer suspensions for non-payment of dues than in the two preceding years, it is unfortunate to lose membership from this cause if the material is good and interest can be revived.

Careful consideration should be given to the value of retaining the Companion. If he will not add strength to the Institution or be a force for good, then no loss to Masonry is involved in his suspension. If he is a man of character who for some reason has become careless and indifferent, I would strongly urge that personal effort should be exerted to rekindle his interest and secure his active co-operation in the beneficent work of the Order. Retention of membership will then be of benefit to himself, to his Chapter and to the Order as a whole.

Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E.

The Grand Treasurer exercises great care and sound judgment in the custody and investment of the funds of Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Companion George Moore retains that interest in the Craft which has been his distinguishing characteristic both before and ever since he filled with marked ability the high office of Grand First Principal in 1909-10.

The Grand Scribe E. lives, moves and has his being in Royal Arch Masonry. The duties of his important office are discharged with scrupulous attention and general efficiency. There is but one fault. He undertakes so much in the way of visiting and assisting Chapters that there is danger of his overtaxing health and strength.

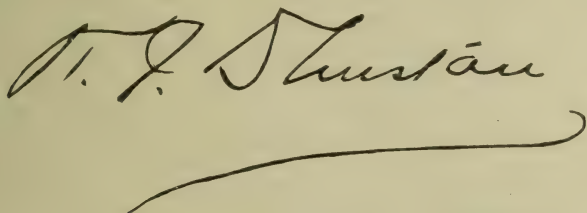
Closing.

As I am about to lay down the Sceptre of office I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the courtesy, kindness and assistance shown to me throughout the whole Jurisdiction. It will never be forgotten.

The honour of the position, the friendships created and the satisfaction which comes from performing service, no matter how small, repay a thousand-fold any sacrifice which the office entails.

Progress has been made and the outlook is bright. That the Royal Craft will continue to grow and be an ever greater force for good is my earnest hope and prayer.

I pass the Sceptre on with full confidence that those who come after will direct its course with skill, wisdom and sound judgment.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "T. J. Sturtevant". The signature is written in dark ink and is followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that extends to the right.

Grand Z.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

The Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 1.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

It is with pleasure I submit, for your consideration, my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District No. 1, for the past year, and in so doing wish to express my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me, by the District, in electing me to the important office of Grand Superintendent.

Ex. Comp. E. A. McCubbin, as District Secretary gave me valuable assistance, which was greatly appreciated. He accompanied me on each of my Official visits.

A hearty welcome was extended to me by the several Chapters, and assistance was offered to the Principals and their officers by friendly advice and suggestions. Each and every Chapter in the District shows a good healthy condition, and is greatly interested in becoming proficient in the revised ritualistic work which has met with general approval, and I, personally, wish to voice my appreciation of the excellent work of the Committee on Revision of Ritual as evidenced by the results of their labour which has now been put into effect.

It is a well-known fact that the secretary of any institution, whether commercial or fraternal, exercises a great influence, by his work, for the welfare or detriment of that body, and this is particularly applicable to Chapters of the Royal Arch Craft. It is a pleasure to report that each Chapter in this District has an efficient Scribe E,—one who is a distinct asset to his Chapter, and who, without any exception, performs his duties in the most satisfactory manner. A noteworthy case of years of efficiency is that of Comp. A. T. Bristow, King Cyrus Chapter No. 119, Leamington, who found it necessary, due to advancing years and the consequent infirmities to retire, after fifteen years of faithful service to his Chapter.

Following the suggestion of my predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. Harry Campbell, I arranged to visit the various Chapters as early as possible, and I would recommend to the incoming Grand Superintendents that they do likewise, as it gives the Chapters an opportunity to derive benefit from their visits before the year has advanced too far.

This report would be incomplete if I did not make reference to the co-operation I received from M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Grand Z., and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.,—they were always ready and willing to answer any inquiries without hesitancy.

Following is a brief report of my official visit to each of the Chapters of the District:

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, No. 71, AMHERSTBURG.—My first official visit was to Prince of Wales Chapter, Friday evening, April 22nd. After being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. C. Y. Dixon, Past Grand Superintendent, and V. Ex. Comp. E. A. Patton, the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates in a creditable manner. Ex. Comp. Geo. Mickle, the First Principal, presided, and he and his officers are worthy of the praise which was bestowed upon them by the visiting Companions, among whom were R. Ex. Comp. John C. Reid, Grand Superintendent London District No. 2, R. Ex. Comps. P. J. McConnell, A. E. Edgar, and M. B. Squire, Past Grand Superintendents, and Ex. Comp. W. S. Settingington, District Deputy Grand Master of Windsor District, A.F. & A.M. After the degree, luncheon was served and an enjoyable hour spent.

SOMBRA CHAPTER, No. 153, WALLACEBURG.—On Tuesday evening, May 10th, I visited Sombra Chapter, the Royal Arch degree being conferred by Ex. Comp. Dr. A. G. Campbell and his officers in a very capable manner. This Chapter had suffered from a fire about two years ago, and I am pleased to report that the temporary set-back has been overcome, and they are now coming right to the front.

As a result of the "Never-say-die" spirit displayed by the officers, the Chapter is progressing steadily. A great deal of credit is due the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Campbell, who has worked untiringly in his efforts to bring success to the Chapter, and praise is due the other officers for the support they have given him.

I was accompanied on this trip by R. Ex. Comps. J. C. Reid, Grand Superintendent London District No. 2,, and P. J. McConnell, and Ex. Comps. R. H. Waddington, First Principal of Ark Chapter, and E. A. McCubbin.

KING CYRUS NO. 119, LEAMINGTON.—A party of fifteen Companions from Ark Chapter accompanied me on my official visit to King Cyrus Chapter, Monday, June 20th. After being introduced by Ex. Comps. W. S. Settingington and L. N. Malott, the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. B. E. Ellis, First Principal, and his officers, in a faultless manner. The officers are all very enthusiastic, and indications point to continued success for this Chapter.

It was also my pleasure to install the officers of King Cyrus Chapter for the year 1928, this ceremony being on December 19th, and on this occasion I was assisted by R. Ex. Comps. J. C. Reid and C. Y. Dixon, and Ex. Comp. McCubbin.

ERIE CHAPTER, No. 73, RIDGETOWN.—Visit was made to this Chapter on Monday, September 19th, and I was accompanied by Ex. Comps. W. S. Settingington and L. N. Malott, King Cyrus Chapter, Leamington. It was a pleasure to be introduced by my worthy predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. Harry Campbell. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. B. J. Smith and officers. Considering that this was their first meeting after the summer "lay-off," the work was performed exceptionally well. The officers are showing the true spirit which makes any Chapter a success, and the prospects for a bright future are good.

BLENHEIM CHAPTER, No. 239, BLENHEIM.—To this Chapter goes the distinction of being the first Chapter in St. Clair District to confer the Mark Master Mason degree according to the new ritual. It was performed when I made my official visit October 5th, and Ex. Comp. Baird, Z., and his officers, deserved all the compliments that were hurled at them. The candidate, Brother Adam McCord, was an unusually attentive one and derived a great deal of benefit from the work. Blenheim Chapter is the "Baby" Chapter of this District, but they certainly have grown-up ideas about making progress. I had the pleasure of being introduced by R. Ex. Comps. J. L. Rutherford and D. R. McDiarmid, Past Grand Superintendents. My travelling Companions were R. Ex. Comp. P. J. McConnell, and Ex. Comps. H. Waddington, W. S. Settingington and E. A. McCubbin.

LORNE CHAPTER, No. 164, WEST LORNE.—The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. N. A. Taylor and the other officers of Lorne Chapter, when I visited them on October 12th. The degree was conferred in a splendid manner, and the officers deserved much praise in consideration of their handicap due to the small lodge room. While they are not in a position to accommodate visitors in large numbers, they are exceedingly anxious to demonstrate their work in some of the other Chapters of the District and would appreciate an invitation from any of them. I was introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. Dougall Turner, Past Grand Superintendent, who is a big asset to Lorne Chapter, always being ready to render any possible assistance. On this visit I was escorted by Ex. Comps. W. S. Settingington and E. A. McCubbin and Comp. W. G. Bowles, King Cyrus Chapter.

MACNABB CHAPTER, No. 88, DRESDON. — On October 13th I had the pleasure of visiting MacNabb Chapter. After being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. F. H. Laird, Past Grand Superintendent, the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. R.

Dusten and his officers. It was the first time during the year that they had conferred this degree, and it was carried out as though they were accustomed to doing it every week. This Chapter is not growing in numbers as much as might be expected, but they have the true Masonic spirit at heart and there is every indication of a prosperous future. In response to a request I offered suggestions as to the possibility of building up their Chapter. I was accompanied on this trip by Ex. Comps. Settingington and McCubbin, who also contributed friendly suggestions which were received with appreciation.

WELLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 47, CHATHAM.—One of the most pleasant evenings in my Masonic career was October 27th when I visited Wellington Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. D. W. McDonald, Past Grand Superintendent, introduced me to the officers and Companions and visiting Companions. Every Chapter in St. Clair District was well represented on this occasion, when Ex. Comp. W. J. Haydon and his officers conferred, for the first time, the Royal Arch degree according to the revised ritual, and the manner in which each and every officer did his part was most commendable. The visiting Companions no doubt derived a great deal of benefit from witnessing the degree, as was evidence from the remarks of those who were called upon. After the degree the Companions retired to the banquet room and during this part of the programme they were entertained by an interesting address on Masonic symbols by Ex. Comp. J. M. Pike, K.C., F.R.S.A. The Chapter is progressing in an exceptional manner due to the untiring efforts and keen interest displayed by those in charge. They always provide plenty of amusement for the Companions and thus make it possible for them to become better acquainted and real Companions.

ARK CHAPTER, No. 80, WINDSOR.—An official visit was made to my Mother Chapter at Windsor on the evening of November 21st, when the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred for the first

time by this Chapter under the revised ritual. This being the third largest Chapter under the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter, and the largest in St. Clair District, it is naturally looked up to for good work, and on this occasion my brother, Ex. Comp. R. H. Waddington and his staff of officers worked true to form and tradition. I attended this Chapter quite often throughout the year and was in constant touch with its affairs. It is with deep regret that I mention the loss of two Past Grand Superintendents during the year,—R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Peters, who had been Janitor of Ark Chapter for the past twenty-five years, and R. Ex. Comp. Charles Koelln, who represented the Chapter on the Masonic Board of Trustees for a number of years. Both gave valuable service and their memory will long live in the minds of those with whom they were so well acquainted. They were true examples of what a Royal Arc Mason should be.

On December 5th I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year, and was assisted by R. Ex. Comps. C. Y. Dixon, H. T. Copus, P. J. McConnell, M. B. Squire, and A. E. Edgar. The prospects of this Chapter for the coming year seem very favourable.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WADDINGTON,

Grand Supt. St. Clair District, No. 1.

Windsor, Ont.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

It is with a deep sense of joy I submit a report of my observations in London District No. 2, because I can sincerely inform you that in all the constituent Chapters I have found a sincere, zealous and tireless group of Craftsmen, labouring in the great quarry of Royal Arch Masonry, giving freely of their strength, time and talents, in order that light and knowledge might be passed on to the uninformed. The enthusiasm with which those principals inculcated within the precepts of our Order are taken to heart, the unquestionable loyalty to ancient customs, the unselfish surrender of liberty, all indicate that the torch, passed down the long corridors of time, is safely in the hands of the faithful.

ATTENDANCE.

At first I felt, as no doubt many other toilers have, that the attendance at some of the convocations was discouraging, but as my efforts and duties carried me throughout the District the fact was forced upon me that the attendance, though desirable, is no barometer to gauge the warmth and enthusiasm and loyalty of the Chapter; nor the good being accomplished by the Craft and its workers. One cannot judge the good the lone sower of grain does, for the result of the planted seed is many fold multiplying and gaining in momentum year after year, giving strength to the ever-increasing number of sowers and always passing on sufficient seed to maintain a continuity of life. So, I believe the results of Royal Arch Masonry are not necessarily in attendance, but rather is it in the seed of brotherly love and the spirit of companionship, which has been sown within the candidate, thus spiritually nourishing the soil and the sower" to withstand the stinging blast of skepticism, disinterestedness and hatred, raising their thoughts to higher and nobler

altitudes, enabling them to plant for the great harvest when "peace on earth and good-will toward men" will fill the granary of time; when love will triumph over hate; when peace will conquer unrest; when harmony will supplant discord; when justice will reign supreme over cruelty. So, I feel that the real purpose of Royal Arch Masonry is not necessarily in the number who assist as sowers, but rather in the soil, the candidates who receive the seed and silently mature it, and finally pours it forth many fold outside the Chapter Room.

RITUAL.

Realizing the love and labour which were put into the delicate task of adjusting the ritual to modern acceptance, I know those interested will be pleased to learn that it meets with the kindly and enthusiastic approval of all whom I have conversed with. The various Chapters of the District are taking it wholeheartedly and it will speedily be in vogue. One of the great benefits it has brought is a renewed interest and study of ritualistic worth, and with its finer setting and arrangement, its more powerful and stimulating language and thought, it will do much to exalt the minds of the candidates and Companions.

No doubt the task, covering two years of research and concentration on this revision, was discouraging at times, but I feel the Grand Chapter under our Grand Z's regime has added materially to the ritual. "For our work is with the Lord and our recompense is with God."

DUES.

A real serious appreciation and concentration of effort must be taken towards the problem of arrears of dues. While it is rather a delicate subject, especially from an individual aspect of fraternalism, but from a collective point I feel it should receive the attention of a very active committee, of each Chapter. Otherwise it may place the Chapter

in an unsound condition by subjecting many of its membership to lapses.

CHAPTER BOOKS.

The books of the Scribes E. are generally in good condition and the District owes much to these faithful Companions who toil so unselfishly. Generally speaking, I have found a deep appreciation for the registration of marks in the books for that purpose, and I feel the various Chapters will follow very closely your instructions.

P. Z.'s CO-OPERATION.

Possibly it is a condition calling for local effort, but I feel the matter is worthy of consideration, viz.; the necessity of drawing the P. Z.'s of each Chapter into a more active force, for the support of the presiding Z., and the Chapter in general, and to assist the Grand Superintendent. I would also suggest that the Chapter encourage the earliest possible visit of the Superintendent, and to demand much of his time and frequent fraternal visits. He may be willing to co-operate but not willing to trespass, especially when a request is made for his official visit at the last Convocation of the year. I would also suggest that each Scribe E. submit to him a summary of the Chapter's standing at the commencement of his term of office for his guidance, as well as the one at the end of the year for his report.

TOILERS.

I have had the comfort of knowing that toiling with me were faithful and sincere workers; our Grand Scribe E. R. E. Comp. Henry T. Smith was ready and courteous at all times and kept me within due bounds. May I express my appreciation for his effort; also congratulate Grand Chapter upon being so fortunate in having this well-known authority and toiler for Royal Arch Masonry. V. E. Comp. J. E. Wismer, Grand Steward, Scribe E. Bruce Chapter, who was in 1911 Presiding Z. and

advanced me into that Chapter, this year acted as my District Secretary, attending with despatch all the various duties therein, and accompanying me on all my trips. By his encouragement, vision, constancy, co-operation, calm judgment, dignified personality, he carried me through whatever appeared to me a dark spot of the journey. R. Ex. Comp. Harry Livermore, respected by all London District for the calm, forceful spirit and dignified way he performed his duties in 1926, handed the District over without blemish, accompanied me on practically all my visits.

I also gratefully submit the name of R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand H., R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, P.G.P.S., Ex. Comp. J. Wild, Z., and Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart, I.P.Z, of St Andrew's Chapter, London; Ex. Comp. Martin, Z., of Nilestown, all of whom contributed their strength to my activities.

VALUE UNDETERMINED.

After compiling the statistical returns from the various Chapters I find the sum total generally speaking very encouraging, but in some instances discouraging; however I feel the true results are known only to God. 2,735 Companions scattered throughout London District, comprising rural communities,—hamlets—towns and cities. *Scattered yet united*; setting an example in citizenship; dispensing light; surrendering knowledge; meeting 143 times in various groups; offering an opportunity throughout 1927 for 3,782 personal contacts in the Chapter Room, between local Companions; also 708 visiting Companions; a total of 4,490, according to the registers (which no doubt is only a percentage of the actual attendance). These groups giving inspiration and welcome to over one hundred souls who passed through the portals of Royal Arch Masonry in this District during the year. There are many other statistics referring to suspensions, withdrawals, deaths, arrears of dues, few petitions, small amount of benevolence, etc. But forgetting

whatever is regrettable in the final analysis of 1927 activities, I turn my eyes and endeavours towards the light of 1928, pledging my experience and support to my successor, and to the Craft.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 54, ST. THOMAS.—On April 14th I visited this Chapter. The sincere and enthusiastic manner in which the Companions received me speaks well for the spirit of fidelity they feel towards the M. Ex. Grand First Principal, whom I represent and to the Grand Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand H., R. Ex. Comp. H. E. Livermore, I.P.G. Supt. R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, P.G.P. S.; Ex. Comp. Wild, Z.; Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart, I.P.Z.; Ex. Comp. Holmes of St. Andrew's Chapter, London; Ex. Comp. Martin, Z., and Comp. Turner of Nilestown Chapter; Comp. Hill of St. George's Chapter and many others accompanied me. The spirit of welcome and companionship permeated the Convocation. Ex. Comp. Bougner, Z. graciously chrystallized those feelings into choice words, after which the Chapter continued the routine work with thoughtful percision and thoroughness. Opening up in the Mark Master Mason degree the ceremony was exemplified in a very effective manner. Judging by the work I inspected and by the conversations I had with the Principals and Scribe E. I feel all is well with this Chapter.

After the degree we adjourned to the banquet hall where we found a table laden with the delicacies of the G. A. O. T. U., bountifulness. The social evening was dedicated to the spirit of commemorating the happy event of Confederation. Comp. Handford, Mayor of the City, extended a welcome and spoke of our forefathers and their integrity, honourable dealings and achievements. For several hours, by song and addresses, the heritage of resources, geographical enchantment, historical lure, fruit potentialities, water power possibilities, timber possessions, and of our great inheritance of character, was spoken of in a manner to cause a

glow of pride, and a willing renewal of the sacred covenant, of sixty years ago. All of which I feel is a function performed by Palestine Chapter, and worthy of Masonic commendation.

VIMY CHAPTER, NO. 214, INWOOD.—Receiving an invitation from Ex. Comp. Graham, Z., to visit this Chapter on the evening of April 18th, which being the tenth Easter Monday anniversary of the Battle of Vimy, I gladly accepted and was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Livermore, I.P.G. Supt. of St. George's Chapter, London; Ex. Comp. Martin, Z., Nilestown Chapter; Ex. Comp. Stewart, I.P.Z. of St. Andrew's Chapter; Comp. Hood of Beaver Chapter; V. Ex. Comp. Wismer, Grand Steward, Ex. Comp. Hackett, P.Z., Ex. Comp. Williamson, Z.; Ex. Comps. Hibbard, Duncan, and Smith of Bruce Chapter. The evening was devoted entirely to the reception of the Grand Supt. and accompanying Companions.

This Chapter, while not in a flourishing condition, especially regarding candidates, passing as it is through a readjustment period, the responsibilities have to a marked extent been previously carried by Ex. Comp. Vance, and several others, who have recently moved from Inwood causing a settling of responsibilities upon others. In the meantime Ex. Comp. Graham, Z., a very active toiler in the Great Vineyard, is giving the benefit of his time and energy to the Chapter.

A splendid banquet was arranged and the Companions showed a true spirit of Masonic hospitality to their guests. The trend of the social hour was of a patriotic nature, consisting of addresses recalling and commemorating the deeds and achievements of Canada's soldiery, who on the wildest dawn in memory climbed the long slope of Vimy to the skirl of the pipes, liberated the Gibraltar of France, broke the iron clutch of the enemy. The spirit of the addresses was to the effect that these deeds, along with the scars of the living, the tears of the bereaved, the memory of those who found a sepulchre in the bivouac of the dead—all cried out

as a challenge to the Companions of Vimy Chapter and to Royal Arch Masonry in general, to copy the determination and aggressiveness and love of unity that characterizes the name of Vimy. If the spirit of the Vimy Battle and achievement is emulated this Chapter will triumph over obstacles that might at present appear insurmountable, and carry them far towards their objective of a rejuvenated Chapter.

THE ST. ANDREW CHAPTER, NO. 238, LONDON.—There is written somewhere words to the effect that “by their fruits shall ye know them.” This young, vigorous and enthusiastic Chapter has produced fruit that is nourishing the Craft in the City of London, London District and Grand Chapter. Without mentioning all those who toil and contribute, may I point out three examples: R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand H., who gives to Grand Chapter, Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart, I.P.Z., as few can or would, to London District. Ex. Comp. J. Wild, Z., one of London’s most active workers in the Royal Craft.

On May 11th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Elwood; R. Ex. Comp. Elgie; Ex. Comp. Cane, Z. of St. John’s Chapter; Ex. Comp. Knapman of St. St. George; E. Comp. Martin, Z. of Nilestown; Ex. Comp. Bradshaw; Ex. Comp. Plewes; Ex. Comp. Overton, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Woodward of London Chapter. I made my official visit and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Smith, Grand H. The First Principal, assisted by Ex. Comp. Stewart, I.P.Z., conferred the Royal Arch degree in the usual interesting style of these two versatile and enthusiastic workers.

The social hour spent around the bountiful banquet table was conducive of producing companionship and kindly feeling. Ex. Comp. Wild, Z., acting as Chairman proved himself not only a master in the Chapter, but a kind host and a capable Chairman. Canada our heritage, and responsibility of citizenship and short, interesting Masonic

addresses, with plenty of humour, characterized this happy visit.

ST. JOHN CHAPTER, NO. 3, LONDON.—To visit this splendid active Chapter, to meet the Companions, is to receive assurance of its virility and usefulness. By its long, active career it has gained a pronounced spirit of stability and dignity. On May 25th I made my official visit and the Companions carried the 24th of May spirit, Empire Day, to the Chapter Room. The spirit of welcome, the kindly freedom of intercourse was truly Masonic and British in its spontaneity. Ex. Comp. Cane, Z., in choice words welcomed R. Ex. Comps. Smith and Grand H., P.P.G. Supts. Graham, Barnard, Woodward, Livermore and Sommerville, and many Companions from St. George's Chapter, London, St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Nilestown, Beaver and Bruce Chapters.

After the routine business was completed in a very thorough manner, a very unique and suggestive event was enacted, in so far as the Chairs were occupied by Companions of this Chapter who had served on the many far-flung frontiers of the Empire; Companions who had upheld the spirit of Masonry and British Empire ideals on the hot sands of the Sudan, the jungles of Africa, the malaria spots of the South, among the Pyramids of Egypt; Companions who had stood firm on our Canadian soil during the Fenian Raid, and who had faced the cold blasts of our North and the fierce cries of the aborigines during the Northwest disturbances. Also Companions who had hurled themselves against the recent Hun machine. To see these dear Companions of St. John's Chapter, who for many years and in many climes have struggled for Masonic ideals conferred the Royal Arch degree, was indeed an inspiring sight.

The social hour was suggestive of the deep appreciation that is entertained for the great political star, the British Empire, which is guiding mankind along its course towards its ultimate terminal of

Brotherhood. The world Empire, with all its blunders, imperfections and episodes of wrongdoing when mentioned, was cheered by the Companions of St. John's Chapter and the visitors. The prayer in all hearts was that the Empire might rule on, upholding justice and civilization, Masonic ideals and privileges.

AYLMER CHAPTER, No. 81, ALYMER.—Accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Wismer, Grand Steward, Comps. Reid and Sanderson, I journeyed on July 3rd to Alymer Chapter where I met R. Ex. Comp. Livermore, I.P.G., Supt. of London, and Ex. Comp. Martin, Z., of Nilestown and a large group of visitors from Palestine Chapter, St. Thomas; also R. Ex. Comp. Misner, Grand Supterintendent of Wilson District. All of these visitors received a very kind welcome by the Companions of Alymer Chapter.

The routine business was despatched in a business-like manner; the officers then conferred the Royal Arch degree in a manner which drew forth my highest commendation and the approval of all who witnessed it. From conversation with the Principals I would say that the Chapter, though not really active, was in a promising position for a greater activity. A real progressive spirit and a great interest in the ritualistic work was most pronounced. The companionship spirit was visible substantiating the spoken word of the Principals, officers and Companions of the Chapter. On the whole companionship and interest in the Ritual is the remembrance I retain of this Chapter.

The social hour was influenced by the fact of the day being the King's Birthday, the various speakers centering their remarks on the King as a symbol of the unity of the Empire, the Keystone of the Arch.

NILESTOWN CHAPTER, No. 247, NILESTOWN. — Due to the fact that Ex. Comp. Martin, Presiding Z. of this Chapter, having contributed so generously of his time during the preceding year, in assisting R. Ex. Comp. Livermore, especially in his many

visits to Bruce Chapter and his generous contribution towards making my duties, as Z. of that Chapter in 1926 pleasanter, and also that he had accompanied me on all of my visits this year, I looked forward with eager anticipation to my visit to Nilestown. I was delighted with the conditions prevailing there that evening. The Chapter room was the centre of vigorous Masonry; visitors from throughout the London District; also R. Ex. Comp. Reid, P.G.S., Superintendent, and a number of visitors from Wilson District, the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a clear, ringing manner, intensely holding the interest of all who packed the Chapter room. Though one of the youngest Chapters it shows great scope of activity and is under earnest and enthusiastic workers.

After the degree being conferred the gathering dispersed to the banquet hall, where a spirit of mirth and fellowship was shared by all. A delicious and appetizing banquet was served by the ladies of the Companions. The spirit of Canadianism—1867 to 1927—was spoken of as similar, constructive vehicle as Masonry, carrying men's thoughts collectively and individually to a truer realization of the responsibilities of citizenship. Many highly educational, intensely interesting and laudatory thoughts were spoken. Canada geographically was dealt with, showing its economical position in the world; the rivers, mines, forests, prairies, industries, etc., were brought forward by the various speakers. On the whole I would say Nilestown Chapter was the means of developing a higher appreciation of Royal Arch Masonry and for broadcasting to its members that true Masonic spirit of love and loyalty to the land of our residence.

LONDON CHAPTER NO. 150, LONDON.—On June 21st accompanied by Ex. Comp. Martin, Z., of Nilestown; Ex. Comp. Wild of St. Andrew; Ex. Comp. Wallace, P.Z., of St. John's; V. Ex. Comp. Wismer of Bruce Chapter, I approached the portals of this active and well-known Chapter, found it well and

duly guarded, was admitted in prescribed form and in a pleasant and dignified manner was welcomed by Ex. Comp. Overton, Z. A very homely atmosphere permeated the Chapter. The routine and ritualistic work was all that could be asked for, impressive and strictly according to ancient customs. Needless to pass comments on the books of the Scribe E. further than to say that R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Woodward, P.G. Superintendent, fills that position.

The social hour was spent in the banquet hall where R. Ex. Comp. Woodward, Comp. T. Essery, K.C., Ex. Comp. Brooks, Z., of St. Paul's Chapter, spoke on Masonic activity and our duty to build in the great cathedral of Life. Summed up, the thought and message was:

Build to-day then strong and sure
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall to-morrow find its place.

ST. PAUL CHAPTER, NO. 242, LAMBETH. — This young Chapter, when I visited it, extended a welcome most cordial to many visiting Companions. The following Chapters were represented: Corinthian of Peterboro, St. Andrew's, St. John's, St. George's, and London Chapter, of London; Nilestown, Beaver, Aylmer, Bruce, as well as Delaware Chapter, Florida. Though a good representation of St. Paul's Companions were present, I think the visitors were in the majority.

The routine work was despatched with thoroughness and interest, after which the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a splendid and capable manner by Ex. Comp. Brooks, Z.,—a Companion of sterling qualities in Masonic principles, though older than the Confederation still as young and active, Masonically speaking, as any present. His true worth as a Mason, a pioneer, a nation builder was manifested in the way he conferred the degree, and the way he spoke of his *love of Masonry and of Canada*. I also desire to express

the worthiness and activity of Ex. Comp. Hardy, I.P.Z., who is a real bulwark and force, giving of his best to assist this, the youngest Chapter in the District.

The social hour was an usually pleasing one, each Companion bringing his lady to grace the banquet hall, where a repast fit for the ancient Craftsmen of renown was served. Mrs. Reid accompanied me and was the recipient of a beautiful vase laden with glorious flowers.

The carillon of Ottawa still ringing in our ears, the First Principal acting as Chairman, spoke very feelingly of his life as lived in Canada, and suggested that those called upon to speak, spread the gospel of Canadianism, so once more the trend of the evening, as many previous ones had been, was devoted to patriotic channels, extolling our forefathers, their fear of God, their love of the Brotherhood. This being a rural Chapter one could gather from the pioneer members who spoke quite a glimpse of the struggle that ensued in the felling of timber, draining of land, building of roads, bridging of streams, establishing of institutions, founding of industries. Back of the remarks of the various speakers was that sacred appreciation of country and Capitular Masonry. I feel much is to be heard of this young Chapter nestling so cosily amongst the hills of Middlesex, so strong in the love and enthusiasm of their Chapter and of their country.

MINNEWAWA CHAPTER, NO. 78, PARKHILL. — This Chapter having secured a new room, remodelled it and dedicated it to the purpose of practicing our ancient and honourable customs, which ceremony took place on the night of September 14th. It was also the occasion of my official visit. I am pleased to report that the ceremony was carried out in a true and impressive manner by R. Ex. Comp. Newton, assisted by the following: R. Ex. Comps. J. S. Barnard, H. E. Livermore, J. G. Woodward, Edwin McNeill; V. Ex. Comps.

Abell, Wismer and Zapfe. The pleasing room should be a Sanctum Sanctorum for the practice of Capitular Masonry.

I was accompanied by Ex. Comps. Burleigh, Hibbard, and V. Ex. Comp. Wismer and Comp. Reid. We received a welcome from Ex. Comp. Portice, I.P.Z., who in the absence of Ex. Comp. Gilbert, Z., who was absent sorrowing under the bereavement of his son, which loss occurred a few days previous. Hearing of this occurrence I left the Chapter and visited the Ex. Comp. in his home, where I found him well fortified with true Masonic decorum and patience.

After closing down we retired to the banquet hall where a lunch was served. The spirit of the remarks were to the effect that the building and dedication of the Chapter room was a symbol of our lives, in so far as we should be builders and dedicators in the great temple of Manhood:

Each is given a bag of tools
A shapeless mass and a book of rules;
And each shall build ere time be flown
A stumbling block or a stepping-stone.

The prevailing thought and message as expressed was that we should build a temple and dedicate it to the same purpose as Royal Arch Masonry stands for and Minnewawa Chapter should go forward filling a useful sphere in the Masonic jurisdiction it commands.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, NO. 5, LONDON.—With pleasant recollections of a fraternal visit made by this Chapter to Bruce Chapter, Petrolia, some few years ago and knowing the name it receives for hospitality and workmanship I had no awe in representing the Grand Z., on September 23rd, the date of my official visit, especially being so well accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, Grand H., R. Ex. Comp. Livermore, I.P.G.S., R. Ex. Comp. J. S. Barnard, P. G. Supt., Ex Comp. Stewart, P.Z., St. Andrew's; Ex. Comps. Elgie, P.Z., St. John's; J. C.

Crinklaw, P.Z., and Ex. Comp. Heron, St. Paul's; Ex. Comp. Martin, Z., Nilestown; Ex. Comp. Garrow, P.Z., Ex. Comp. Overton, Z., of London Chapter, and my ever faithful co-toiler, V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Wismer, G. Steward. We all received a kindly welcome from Ex. Comp. Parkinson.

A new Chapter carries enthusiasm and prophesy, but ancientness, tradition, experiences, stability, past service—a long list of achievements, a record of noted Companions, do they not add solemnity and grace to any organization? So I found this old hearthstone of Masonry still a bulwark and home for all those noble sentiments of cordiality, accurateness and efficiency. The reception, the respect, the feeling of home and welcome, all manifested itself. The routine work and ritualistic service was inspiring and indeed Masonic in the strictest sense of the spirit of our Craft.

There was a hush and kindly silence throughout the evening, due to the recent surrender of their dear V. Ex. Comp. T. P. Elliott, Scribe E., to that Chapter not made by hands, eternal in the heavens.

He is not dead—he is just away.
With a cheery smile and wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land
And you, oh you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,
Think of him faring on as dear
In the love of there as the love of here.

A splendid repast was served; kind, encouraging, inspiring remarks were passed; greater co-operation promised. I feel this Chapter, as in the past, has a useful field of activity, and will do it.

BEAVER CHAPTER, No. 74, STRATHROY.—On October 3rd, was the scene of pleasant intermingling and companionship, Ex. Comp. Brooks, Z., Ex. Comp. Hardy, I.P.Z., R. Ex. Comp. Sommerville; Comp. McNab of St. Paul's Chapter; V. Ex. Comp. Wismer, Reid, Hibbert of Bruce Chapter, journeyed to Strathroy and met under the kind welcome and

fellowship of Ex. Comp. Harry Hudspith, Z., and the Companions of Beaver Chapter. I personally enjoyed the meeting of many fellow-workers in Masonry of previous years, especially in the person of R. Ex. Comp. McNeill and V. Ex. Comp. Lewis. Comp. Moran, a dear Companion of four years association in the C.E.F., Canada, England, France and Belgium, being sent out to introduce me was the pleasing commencement of a happy evening.

The routine and ritualistic work was gratifying and all that one could wish and I feel it was according to ancient landmarks and Masonic tradition. During the social hour a lunch was served and many inspiring and constructive thoughts were offered by the various Companions.

WAWANOSH CHAPTER, No. 15, SARNIA.—Accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Wismer, Ex. Comp. Burleigh, P.Z., Ex. Comp. Hackett, P.Z., Ex. Comp. Hibbard, Second Principal, Comp. Duncan, P.Z., Comps. Gray, Smith and McKay, I journeyed to this splendid Chapter with its large, spacious room, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Clark, P.G., Supt., a priceless jewel of this Chapter, to the Companions of Wawanosh Chapter. I witnessed the Royal Arch degree exemplified in a most efficient way by E. Comp. Charles Hughes, I.P.Z., who filled the office of First Principal on account of the absence of Ex. Comp. Longley, who I regret to say is in the Byron Sanitorium. Ex. Comp. Hughes is a Mason of sterling qualities and character; his zeal for ritualistic accuracy made the exemplification of this degree enjoyable to all. His Masonic decorum in dispensing the routine work gives one the impression that he has toiled in the quarries long and attentively. The welcome accorded to me and the visitors was refreshing and the personification of Masonic hospitality.

Wawanosh Chapter is very active, functioning vigorously; not only dispensing light and knowledge, but acting as an international lighthouse on the southern frontier of our country—an Ambassa-

dor between the Michigan jurisdiction and the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The evening was devoted to the spirit of the international obligations of Royal Arch Masonry, and the privilege of creating and cementing the peaceful ties of international citizenship, keeping the 3,800 miles of frontier between the two countries free from armaments and implements of warfare—children of a common parent—dwelling as brethren in unity—the international gates open for a hundred years—may they never close—may Wawanosh Chapter and Grand Chapter of Canada take advantage of their opportunities, “Peace on Earth, Goodwill Towards all Men.”—So mote it be.

BRUCE CHAPTER, NO. 53, PETROLIA.—The night has fled, dawn is here, my pen has grown weary and heavy in this humble attempt to finish this report at the last moment. We are taught that those who labour at the eleventh hour are worthy of their penny—but putting this duty off until the last hour is an exception and poor workmanship on my part; also a complete failure to follow the plans as laid out on the trestle-board. However, the name Bruce Chapter, my mother Chapter, causes the Masonic lamp of enthusiasm to flare up within me, and as to reporting my observations of this Chapter I feel as the Queen of Sheba did upon viewing King Solomon’s Temple “the half can never be told.” The kindly feeling that exists in this Chapter—the joy of companionship always so pronounced—the spirit of happiness always so prevalent—fellowship being so evident—the atmosphere always being pregnant with harmony.

No doubt the kindly receptions extended to me were an expression to the Grand Z., for his generous appointment of a Grand Superintendent from this Chapter, the first to be confirmed in twenty-six years, also the appointment of V. Ex. Comp. Wismer as Grand Steward, or perhaps the Companions extended their welcome as an expression of their fidelity to the Grand Z., and to the Grand

Chapter, or it may be the old adage is true and "blood is thicker than water." No doubt all of these forces entered into their welcome.

I have refrained from mentioning any but my official visits. May I refer to at least two fraternal visits to my mother Chapter, for I feel that these visits symbolize the extra visits that I have made to the other Chapters. At the April Convocation, Past Z.'s night, was held and the Z.'s of past years exemplified the Royal Arch degree in a very efficient manner. The Chapter room was packed to capacity with Companions from the District; also some from St. Clair District. Kindness seemed to be the keynote of the occasion. V. Ex. Comp. Wismer received a Grand Steward suit of regalia, while I was made the recipient of a unique original design of a jewel, uniting my Z. and G. Supt. rank. The social side of the evening was given to thoughts pertaining to the great trek of builders of all ages, and our part in 1927, in carrying out the purpose and ideals of the builders.

On October 19th I made my official visit and in accordance with my wishes no labour was performed, but an evening of companionship, Masonic in its import was spent, and by request I spoke on the subject of the Triangle and the part it has played in man's progress and in Royal Arch Masonry. At the close of the evening I was presented with a gold triangle, suitably engraved as a presentation and a keepsake of my visit. On December 21st, accompanied R. Ex. Comp. F. Waddington, Grand Supt., of St. Clair District; R. Ex. Comp. McConnell, P.G. Supt., and Ex. Comp. Edgar McCubbin, Z., of Ark Chapter, Windsor; R. Ex. Comp. Clark, P.G. Supt. of Sarnia; Ex. Comp. W. L. Stewart, P.Z., of St. Andrew's, London; Ex. Comp. Martin, Z., of Nilestown, for the purpose of installation ceremony, which was well and worthily performed. On this occasion I was presented with a life membership certificate, binding me pleasantly to my source of light.

Bruce Chapter exalted fifty-five Companions last year; this year's effort was one of consolidation, but in 1928 there will be another numerical advance. In the meantime, as in the past, and so in the future, Bruce Chapter will go on dispensing light, spreading harmony, concord, peace and companionship in the hearts of its members. Any variation in the Chapter will only be numerical. The intensity of companionship, fidelity to Chapter, respect to Grand Chapter, love of Masonic tradition, safeguarding of ancient landmarks, searching among the ruins, all goes on apace with frequency and intensity worthy of the zeal and endeavours of the sojourners of yore.

This report relating to the various Chapters and of my stewardship of the trust reposed in me, may lack the information desired, and from a numerical point, as well as from the Ritualistic angle, possibly I may have failed, but from the spirit of companionship, from the point of constructive thinking, from the knowledge and appreciation of our Craft, from the contemplation of our responsibilities, from a rehearsal of our attitude to the world, and possibly the world judging the Craft by our daily lives, I feel I have followed the Grand Z.'s wishes to the full length of my C.T., and this year in that sense has been successful, and London District, as in the past, has been a vehicle carrying men's thoughts to higher contemplation of citizenship.

May I in closing my report mention those dear Companions who have laboured so nobly in the quarry during the past years and are still with us—may we not forget them—may they not forget us—their work shows triumph but their task is still in the Chapter room, a kindly letter from Grand Chapter might be encouraging for renewed and continued service.

To those Companions of London District who consecrated so much labour, thought and love to Royal Arch Masonry, but have since laid down the Sceptre of fraternal power to take up the Sceptre

of love and gratitude in our hearts—I would say
“Sleep on,” we who toil in 1927 are not unmindful
that you passed the light to us.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. REID,

Grand Supt. London District, No. 2.

Petrolia, Ont.

WILSON DISTRICT No. 3.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on Capitular Masonry in Wilson District No. 3, for the past year. First, I desire to offer my thanks and appreciation to the Companions of Wilson District for electing me to the position of Grand Superintendent of the District bearing the name of the First Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

My official visits were as follows:

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, NO. 20, BRANTFORD.—On May 6th, 1927, I made my visit and I was honoured by a hearty reception, and the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in most credible manner. This Chapter has a splendid set of officers, and an excellent Chapter room well equipped. The Chapter books are well kept by the Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Frank S. Blain, who is well known in many Masonic branches. After the evening's work was completed, a fine lunch was served in the banquet room at which several beautiful and some humourous addresses were given.

HARRIS CHAPTER, No. 41, INGERSOLL.—On my official visit here on June 10th, 1927, I was heartily received. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Earl Empey and officers in fine manner. The Companions of this Chapter are scattered over a large territory, making the attendance smaller than it otherwise would be. This Chapter is also the smallest in the District, which should hardly be when one considers the fact that Craft Masonry here supports two lodges. Companion Menzer keeps the books in excellent condition. Again another banquet, and the addresses following given by members and visitors were very elevating.

BRANT CHAPTER, No. 115, PARIS.—I visited this Chapter on June 20th, 1927, and I was cordi-

ally received, and the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most efficient manner by Ex. Comp. J. B. Appleby and his officers. The Companions are very enthusiastic; great help is given by my predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. B. C. Brown. The banquet, without which no Chapter thinks it has sufficiently honoured the Grand Z.'s representative took place and was a pleasing affair.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, WOODSTOCK.—This Chapter I visited on September 16th, 1927. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. W. Stirling and his officers in such manner that nothing more could be desired. It seems that in most Chapters the last District Superintendent is a main-stay, and this applies to R. Ex. Comp. R. Y. Morrison, who is the Scribe E., and who has the affairs of his office well in control. The banquet was excellent, and the speeches interesting and helpful.

EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23, SIMCOE.—My mother Chapter, I visited it in November 10th, 1927, and this was the completion of my official visits. Ex. Comp. Dr. A. B. Jackson and his officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a credible and efficient manner. The records are well kept by Ex. Comp. A. R. Smith, Scribe E., and he has done exceptionally well in the way of collecting dues. It hasn't taken me a whole year to find out that it is futile to take in members and shortly suspend them for non-payment of dues.

On Wednesday, October 19th, 1927, we held a Chapter of Instruction at Simcoe in the Masonic hall. Mount Horeb Chapter exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree, Brant Chapter the Most Excellent Master degree and Ezra Chapter the Royal Arch degree, using the revised work. The affair was graced by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan, and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. We were also glad to have with us R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Donaldson, Grand Superintendent of Huron District No. 6. A goodly number of Companions attended. The Grand Z. expressed himself as well pleased with

the work and the interest taken by the Companions. R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith instructed the Companions where it was necessary in order to have the work uniform and correct, and altogether the gathering was a great success.

In my journeys throughout the District I have found harmony prevailing, and the Chapters well quartered and equipped with the necessary paraphernalia for working the degrees.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. F. MISNER,
Grand Supt. Wilson District No. 3.

Simcoe, Ont.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 4.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District No. 4. I have first to express my keen appreciation of the manner in which I have been received, and gratefully acknowledge the genuine and sincere expressions of good fellowship which have been the keynote of all of my Official duties.

The frequent exchange of visits has been strongly advocated by me between Chapters not only of our own District, but also of our neighbouring districts, and the benefits which accrue from such visits was well demonstrated when Enterprise Chapter and Halton Chapter, of Wellington District, were invited to visit Bernard Chapter, of Huron District, on the occasion of the reception of the M. Ex., the Grand Z., when Halton Chapter, conferred the Royal Arch degree with the new ritual.

The Scribes E. are all deserving of praise for the very efficient manner in which they are keeping the records, and I must here express my heartfelt thanks to my District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Harold Hall, for the very efficient manner he has performed every task set before him, and for his unfailing loyalty in accompanying me on my visits. His very interesting talks on the pyramids and the earlier history of Masonry have been the subjects of many favourable comments, and have given Companions much food for new thought. Wellington District can be truthfully reported as being in an excellent position.

WATERLOO CHAPTER, No. 32, GALT. — My first official visit was paid to this Chapter on May 9th, when I was accompanied by the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Harold Hall, and several Companions from Palmerston. The occasion was the annual

Past Principal's night and a large number of visiting Companions from Georgetown, Guelph, Kitchener, and Preston were in attendance.

The First Principal for the evening, Ex. Comp. W. B. Powell, received me in a most engaging manner, and I was particularly impressed with the warmth of greeting from this Chapter. The appointments of the Chapter room are excellent and the Royal Arch degree was very impressively rendered by the Past Principals.

This work so splendidly demonstrated by the officers of yesterday cannot help but be an inspiration to the officers of to-day, and will be an incentive for the officers of to-morrow.

The banquet which followed was typical of what these affairs should be. Warm with bonds of friendship, instructive and entertaining music of a very high order, and fittingly graced with historical reference to the earlier periods of Freemasonry from a thoughtful address by V. Ex. Comp. H. G. Meir, of Halton Chapter, Georgetown, brought a successful function to a close.

GUELPH CHAPTER, NO. 40, GUELPH.—This Chapter received me on September 9th in a manner fitting to the occasion, and upholding the best traditions of Guelph Chapter.

Ex. Comp. Roy Finlay conferred the Mark Master degree in a splendid manner, ably assisted by his Past Principals who, headed by that genial good fellow, R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, are always ready and willing to make sacrifices in order to help the Chapter along in whatever way is possible. It is very pleasing to remember too how many are the occasions on which Guelph Chapter has been represented in the District when I have been paying official visits, and in this respect I must add the names of Waterloo Chapter, Galt, and Halton Chapter, Georgetown.

I feel it a personal favour to have such splendid support from these Chapters, particularly, and, as was to be expected the District Secretary, presented

a very flattering report on this occasion from the records of the Scribe E., Ex. Comp Drone.

We in the more remote corners of the District look to Guelph as a leader, and we are convinced our trust is well placed.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, No. 67, PALMERSTON.—As I was present at every Convocation of this Chapter I did not deem an official visit necessary, but on October 11th I was officially received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. D. Wilson, and the officers. Enterprise Chapter has been handicapped through the incapacity of the Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Corbitt, but this work has been carried on by the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Hall. On December 13th I installed and invested the Principals and officers of this Chapter and the First Principal on this occasion had the pleasure of advancing his brother to the degree of Mark Master Mason.

IONIC CHAPTER, No. 83, ORANGEVILLE.—I paid this Chapter an official visit of inspection on June 21st, accompanied by the District Secretary, and a number of Companions from Palmerston, and was received most gracefully by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. S. H. Porter. The Royal Arch degree was beautifully conferred by the officers, and no small part of the success of the evening was due to the very fine rendering of the Mystical Lecture by R. Ex. Comp. Lt. Col. Preston, and Ex. Comp. Dr. Price.

I could not help but congratulate the First Principal on having such splendid support from the past officers of the Chapter.

This cannot help but be an incentive to the officers of to-day and will lay a good foundation for the officers of the future. The work of the Scribe E., Comp. McGillivray, was warmly extolled by the District Secretary who reported "All's Well" in glowing terms.

The "Fourth Degree" radiated harmony and good fellowship, and the musical treat provided by V. Ex. Comp. H. G. Meir, and his sixteen-piece

orchestra from Georgetown was very enjoyable, and so was the interesting talk by V. Ex. Comp. Meir on "Conditions of emigration in the West."

It was an evening long to be remembered and "Alls Well" with Orangeville can be written in large letters.

KITCHENER CHAPTER, NO. 117, KITCHENER.—The District Chapter of Instruction was held at Kitchener on November 2nd when R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, the Grand Scribe E., was present to see Waterloo Chapter, of Galt, exemplify the Royal Arch degree with the new ritual. The meeting was a complete success and my sincere thanks are due to R. Ex. Comp. W. Downing, Ex. Comp. De Kleinhans and Ex. Comp. W. Duench for their united assistance. The District was well represented for only one Chapter, Durham, was not represented.

On Friday in this same week, November 4th, I again visited Kitchener on an official inspection of Kitchener Chapter, accompanied by my District Secretary. We were received in a charming manner by Ex. Comp. C. Hemphill, who, I was extremely glad to see back in office after his long illness. The Royal Arch degree was beautifully conferred, and it was an added pleasure to note that the Principal Sojourner's work was splendidly done by Comp. E. D. Cunningham, who had the distinct pleasure of having his son as one of the candidates.

Royal Arch Masonry is truly a family affair when we meet instances of this kind, and this same candidate contributed largely to the success of the "Fourth Degree," which followed by his very fine vocal solos. That is the material upon which to build a successful Chapter in Kitchener. It was with regret, however, that I report the death of R. Ex. Comp. J. D. Weir, who was Scribe E. of this Chapter. His work is being carried on by Comp. G. De Kleinhans in a very efficient manner.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 218, SHELBURNE.—I visited this Chapter on September 30th accom-

panied by the District Secretary, and the occasion was graced by the presence of the Grand Scribe E., and a large number of Companions from Toronto who for the first time in this District conferred the Royal Arch degree with the new ritual in a very impressive manner. The reception by the Companions of the new ritual showed they were in favour of the changes, and it was a wonderfully inspiring meeting which will leave its impress on Wellington District No. 4.

The banquet which followed was in charge of the Ex. First Principal, Ex. Comp. Sam Patterson, and was a most enjoyable event, the visiting Companions contributing largely to its success.

DURHAM CHAPTER, No. 231, DURHAM.—I visited this Chapter on June 20th, and was accorded a right royal welcome by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Darling, and his Companions. There was a small attendance on account of the activities of a number of the Companions preparing and rehearsing a pageant in honour of the Jubilee of Confederation. The Most Excellent Master degree was very impressively conferred by Ex. Comp. Darling, who was very ably assisted by V. Ex. Comp. McClocklin. The District Secretary, Ex. Comp. H. Hall, reported that the books of the Chapter were very well kept, and that the prospects are extremely good for the future of this enthusiastic little Chapter.

This Chapter is to be congratulated upon its splendid quarters, and there is every reason to look forward to its future with confidence.

HALTON CHAPTER, No. 234, GEORGETOWN.—I had previously visited this enterprising Chapter on the occasion of the official visit and reception to the M.E., the Grand Z., but supplemented this by an official visit on Friday, October 21st, when those same indefatigable and ubiquitous supporters of Royal Arch Masonry were on hand to support me in my official inspection, in the persons of R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, Ex. Comp. Jas. Ritchie, Ex. Comp. Roy Finlay, Ex. Comp. Biggar and many

others from Galt and Guelph. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Geo. Brown, very gracefully received me on behalf of Halton Chapter, and the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. W. H. Long, in a most creditable manner, accompanied by fireworks which nearly suffocated the District Secretary, who however, was reassured when he learned that it was the last one in the possession of the Chapter to illustrate forcibly to the candidates how the fire came down from Heaven. V. Ex. Comp. H. C. Meir is the Scribe of this Chapter and he contributes largely to the success it has attained, and as was natural the books of the Chapter are an example of what they should be.

PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 245, PRESTON.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter of the District on Monday, October 17th, accompanied by my District Secretary, and we were very warmly welcomed by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Yealland, and his officers, and strongly supported by R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr of Guelph, R. Ex. Comp. Hamilton, Ex. Comp. J. Ritchie, and Ex. Comp. Biggar of Galt.

The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by the First Principal, assisted by Ex. Comp. King, whose splendid support has contributed largely to the success of this young Chapter. This Chapter has fine quarters and has a bright future ahead. The work of the Scribe E. was warmly extolled by the District Secretary, who made it a matter of great satisfaction to report that of all Chapters in the District Preston Chapter was the only one to have its Book of Marks up to date.

The "Fourth Degree" which followed was a happy gathering of kindred souls and R. Ex. Comp. Hamilton and Marr were in great form, and were truly expansive in their after-dinner speeches and stories.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. G. BARTON,

Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.
Palmerston, Ont.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour of submitting for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Hamilton District No. 5, for the year 1927. The outstanding event of the year was a Chapter of Instruction held in the city of Hamilton, the work being done according to the new Ritual. This was divided into two events. The first took place on October 26th at the Scottish Rite Cathedral when an expert degree team of Companions from Toronto, who had been organized and coached by Ex. Comp. Geo. W. Slack, of that city, exemplified the Royal Arch degree. The work was done in a manner seldom if ever equaled, and I wish to take this opportunity of again expressing my sincere gratitude to the Toronto Companions for the service and pleasure they rendered, not only to myself, but to the entire Hamilton District on that occasion. I wish also to express my thanks to the Principals' Association of our District of which V. Ex. Comp. L. F. Stevens, is President, for their efforts in helping to make this event a success.

The second event took place at the Masonic Hall, James Street, Hamilton, on December 9th, when the Mark Master degree, and the most Excellent Master degree were exemplified. The Mark Master Mason degree was worked by White Oak Chapter, Oakville, with the following officers: Ex. Comps. Dr. Duff, as W.M., assisted by Ex. Comps. Alf. Hillmer, and H. J. Smith, S.W.; Companions W. King, J.W., W. N. Robinson, S.D., S. N. Wilkinson, J.D., Roy McGregor, I.G., assisted by Comp. Chas. Dickinson and others. I must say that White Oak Chapter, is to be congratulated on the manner in which the officers performed their duty and I fully realize the work and enthusiasm necessary to acquire the state of efficiency they attained.

The Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified by Keystone Chapter, of Hamilton, with the following officers taking part: Ex. Comp. Drysdale, W.M., assisted by Ex. Comps. H. E. Warner, R. W. Munro, R. Clark, D. Munro and R. Ex. Comp. F. R. Martin, Comps. R. W. Turner, Senior Warden, J. W. Dixon, Junior Warden, J. R. Crocker, Senior Deacon, T. A. Jackson, Junior Deacon, H. Settle, Inner Guard, and J. W. Montgomery, Tyler. It would be hard to imagine anything more perfect than the manner in which they preformed this beautiful ceremony. This degree has been much improved in the new work, and as presented by the officers of Keystone is on a par with the excellency of the Royal Arch degree. Everyone present was much impressed.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, MILTON.—My first official visit to this Chapter took place, September 15, when I attended in my official capacity my home Chapter, on which occasion Ex. Comp. J. E. Bell and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in their usual admirable manner. I am pleased to state that St. Clair Chapter has enjoyed one of the most prosperous years in its history, and has a splendid lot of officers and I would like to make special mention of our much-respected R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Panton, who for the past twenty-five years has so faithfully performed the duties of Scribe E., whom we had the pleasure recently of honouring on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary as a Royal Arch Mason, and who is still in office.

ANCASTER CHAPTER, No. 155, ANCASTER.—On October 11th I paid my official visit to this thriving Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. M. MacKenize, my District Secretary, and a number of other St. Clair Chapter Companions. I was very cordially received by Ex. Comp. Robt. Johnson, after which he and his officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a splendid manner. I found the Chapter in a very healthy condition with a large

membership for a rural Chapter, and I feel certain that it has a bright future ahead.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON.—My official visit to this Chapter came on October 13th when I received a warm welcome from Ex. Comp. J. A. Spittle and the Companions of his Chapter, and I witnessed for the first time the Mark Master Mason degree according to the new ritual. It was wonderfully well done considering the short time since the new work had been issued.

This Chapter is in a strong financial position and although they have found it difficult to secure applications the last few years they are looking for better times in the future. I might add that the records of the Chapter are kept in excellent order by their good Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Geo. H. Britton.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 224, HAMILTON.—It was on November 1st that I paid my official visit to Keystone Chapter, accompanied as usual by my Secretary, Ex. Comp. J. M. MacKenzie. I received a hearty welcome from the First Principal. Ex. Comp. R. W. Munro, on behalf of the officers and members of the Chapter. They then conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a most impressive manner after which at the request of the First Principal I conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The most striking incident of the evening was the reception of nine applications for exaltation, and I learn from their Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Fred R. Martin, that they received six more at their next meeting. If Keystone Chapter can continue this good work their future is assured.

My report on this Chapter would not be complete if I did not again mention the wonderful manner in which they exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree at our Chapter of Instruction.

MACKAY CHAPTER, No. 234, STONEY CREEK.—It was on November 2nd that I paid my visit of Inspection to this, the baby Chapter of the District,

where I received a warm and cordial welcome from the First Principal, Ex. Comp. McDougal, and his Chapter. Although they did not have a candidate they worked the Mark Master Mason degree, using a dummy, and they did it in an excellent manner, after which I had the pleasure of presiding at the election of officers. This being the youngest Chapter in the District it is naturally small but what they lack in numbers they make up in enthusiasm. I might add that they are very grateful to R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes for the invaluable assistance he has rendered them in organizing and carrying on their Chapter.

HAMILTON CHAPTER, NO. 175, HAMILTON.—Accompanied by my District Secretary, I visited Hamilton Chapter officially on November 15th, and I received a most hearty welcome from the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Wm. Field, and the members of the Chapter. The officers assisted by a number of the Past Principals then conferred the Royal Arch degree in a very pleasing manner after which I had the privilege of conducting the election of officers. Although this is the smallest Chapter of the City of Hamilton it is on a sound basis, and no fear need be entertained for its future.

CALEDONIA CHAPTER, NO. 236, CALEDONIA.—It was on November 20th that I made my official appearance to Caledonia Chapter where I was made warmly welcome by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Herbert Howden, and the officers and members of the Chapter, and I again had the pleasure of conducting the election of officers. This Chapter, although young and of rather small membership, has very capable officers who have the interests of the Capitular Masonry at heart and may be depended upon to carry on the affairs of the Chapter in an exemplary manner and preserve the landmarks of our Order in true form.

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 2, HAMILTON.—On December 25th I paid my official visit to The Hiram

Chapter. I was accompanied by my Secretary, Ex. Comp. J. M. Mackenzie, and a number of Ex. Companions and Companions of St. Clair Chapter, Milton, and I received a very cordial welcome from the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Alfred Oram. Their was no work save the election of officers which Ex. Comp. Oram kindly requested me to conduct, after which we spent a very enjoyable hour in the banquet room. Needless to say this veteran Chapter is in a sound condition, and he has the best of officers.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, NO. 104, OAKVILLE.—On December 20th I paid my official visit to White Oak Chapter, and had the pleasant duty of installing the officers for the ensuing year. This Chapter although not increasing in numbers very rapidly has a splendid staff of officers as demonstrated in the excellent way in which they exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree at our Chapter of Instruction in Hamiton on December 9th, and we trust that the future has much prosperity in store for the Chapter.

MURRAY S. SPROAT,

Grand Supt. Hamiton District, No. 5.

Milton, Ont.

HURON DISTRICT, No 6.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit herewith, for your consideration, my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Huron District, No. 6, for the year 1927. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the District for electing me as Grand Superintendent.

I have visited the Chapters of my District once during my term of office, and am proud to say that I found in the different Chapters throughout the District the true spirit of Masonry. I can assure the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Grand Chapter that the new revised Ritual is a grand success in Huron District.

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 84, WINGHAM.—I made my official visit to Lebanon Chapter on April 19th, 1927. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Ross and was very kindly received by Ex. Comp. A. Reid, First Principal. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Reid and his officers in a very capable manner.

The officers of Lebanon Chapter are well skilled in the Royal Arch work. The books and records are kept in a neat manner by Ex. Comp. Nash, and a good deal of credit is due the Scribe E. for the good success of Lebanon Chapter.

After the work of the evening we repaired to the banquet hall where we partook of a very fine supper, after which we enjoyed a social hour of song, story and speeches which brought to a close a very happy Convocation.

BERNARD CHAPTER, No. 146, LISTOWEL.—I visited my Mother Chapter on May 20th, 1927. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Jackson and received by Ex. Comp. B. Faulkner. We had a very large turn-out of Companions, showing the keen interest they are taking in the Chapter. We also had several

visitors from the neighbouring Chapters including R. Ex. Comp. R. Barton, Grand Supt. Wellington District, and three Companions from Palmerston, several Companions from Lebanon Chapter, Wingham, and R. Ex. Comp. F. Porterfield, Past Grand Supt. Huron District, and Companion Shafer, of Elliott Chapter, Mitchell.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers in a very fine manner and a great deal of praise is due Ex. Comp. Faulkner in the manner in which he conducts the Chapter. Ex. Comp. N. Blackmore, Scribe E., has his books and records in good shape and the Chapter is in fine financial standing.

The work of the evening being over we retired to the banquet room where we sat down to a very fine supper, after which we spent a social hour in speech and story which brought to a close a very profitable evening.

CHANTRY CHAPTER, No. 130, SOUTHAMPTON.—I visited Chantry Chapter on June 14th, 1927, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Savage, of Bernard Chapter, Listowel. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Scott and received by Ex. Comp. Eddie. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Royal Arch degree which was done in a very impressive manner.

The books and records are kept in good form by R. Ex. Comp. R. B. Hillmer, Scribe E. The Mark book is a credit to Chantry Chapter and I think will become quite popular in the near future.

The work of the evening being over we repaired to the banquet hall where we sat down to a very fine supper, after which we spent a social hour in song, speech and story which brought to a close a happy gathering.

HAVELOCK CHAPTER, No. 63, KINCARDINE.—I visited Havelock Chapter on June 17th, 1927, and was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Coghlin and Comp. J. Stewart, of Bernard Chapter, Listowel. I was royally received by Ex. Comp. Schilrath, his officers

and Companions. The Grand Honours were given in good form.

The officers worked a Royal Arch degree and are certainly well up in their work. I wish to make particular mention of the Principal Sojourner, who does his work in a very impressive manner.

The Scribe E., Ex. Comp. E. Hall, keeps his books in a neat way showing that he is well skilled in this work. The Mark Book is fairly well used by the Companions and the different Marks placed in this book are very interesting.

The work of the evening being over we repaired to the banquet hall, where we sat down to an excellent supper served by the Companions of Havelock Chapter, after which we spent a social hour of song, speech and story, bringing to a close one of the finest visits I have had in Huron District.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, No. 147, LUCKNOW.—I visited Lucknow Chapter on July 19th, 1927, and was accompanied by several Companions from Bernard Chapter, Listowel. I received a very hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. Reid, his officers and Companions. Owing to the candidate taking suddenly ill, the officers could not confer the Most Excellent Master degree.

I feel confident from the manner in which the officers opened and closed the Chapter that they are quite capable of conferring any of the three degrees of Royal Arch Masonry.

After the closing of the Chapter we repaired to the banquet hall where we enjoyed a fine supper, after which we spent a social hour listening to short addresses by several of the Companions bringing to a close a very excellent evening long to be remembered by the visiting Companions and myself.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24, STRATFORD.—I visited this Chapter, officially, on October 28th, 1927, accompanied by several Companions from Bernard Chapter, Listowel. I was heartily received by Ex. Comp. D. McCallum and his officers and Companions of Tecumseh Chapter. The work

of the evening was the conferring of a Royal Arch degree which was done in a very impressive manner.

The officers of Tecumseh Chapter had just been in possession of the new Ritual about ten days, and great credit is due them for the way they conferred the Work.

I am also pleased to state that Tecumseh Chapter is blessed with a number of Past Principals who assist the officers at every opportunity and in this way are a great help to the Chapter. I also found that R. Ex. Comp. J. Stevenson, Scribe E., has his books in perfect order. At the close of the Chapter we repaired to the banquet hall where we enjoyed a pleasant hour.

HURON CHAPTER, No. 30, GODERICH.—I visited Huron Chapter on November 15th, 1927, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Croft and welcomed by Ex. Comp. Barker on behalf of the officers and Companions. The first part of the business was the election of officers, which was carried out in good form by the officer in charge.

The Royal Arch degree was then conferred by Ex. Comp. Barker and his officers, assisted by a number of Past Principals. This degree was conferred in a very capable manner, showing that the officers of Huron Chapter are well skilled in Masonry.

R. Ex. Comp. Dunlop, the Scribe E., has his books in good condition and I predict for Huron Chapter a bright future under the guiding hand of R. Ex. Comp. Dunlop.

At the close of the Chapter we repaired to the banquet hall where we spent a social hour.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 46, ST. MARYS.—I paid my official visit to the St. James Chapter on December 12th, 1927, and was accompanied by Ex. Comp. S. Coghlin and Comp. D. Love of Bernard Chapter, Listowel. I received a very hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. Sanderson and his officers.

As there was no degree work to be conferred this evening and it being installation night I had the honour of installing the officers. I was assisted in the installation work by Ex. Comp. Coghlin, of Bernard Chapter, who acted as Director of Ceremonies. At the close of the installation work the officers requested me to instruct them in the secret work of the different degrees.

St. James Chapter has in the past year or two experienced great difficulty in carrying on the Royal Arch work, but I feel confident that in the near future this Chapter will be one of the live Chapters in Huron District.

MALLOCH CHAPTER, No. 66, SEAFORTH.—I visited Mallock Chapter on December 19th, 1927, accompanied by Comps. Love and Forrest, of Bernard Chapter, Listowel. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. Fisher and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. Southgate, officers and Companions.

It being a very stormy night, and the candidate having to drive from Clinton, it was impossible for him to be present, consequently there was not any work to be done. We then discussed ways and means of stirring up more interest in Capitular Masonry.

Ex. Comp. Southgate and his officers then closed the Chapter and we went to the banquet hall where we spent a social hour of speech and music bringing to a close a pleasant gathering.

ELLIOT CHAPTER, No. 129, MITCHELL. — I visited this Chapter on December 20th, 1927, and was cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. Stuart, his officers and Companions. Ex. Comp. Stuart and his officers conferred a Royal Arch degree in the new work, and I am pleased to state that it was exceedingly well done. Elliot Chapter has reason to be proud of their new set of officers as they are a credit to any Chapter.

I am pleased to report that Elliot Chapter is in a very progressive state and I look forward to

this Chapter to be one of the banner Chapters of the District.

At the close of the Chapter we repaired to the banquet table, bringing to a close a very happy Convocation.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Frateranlly yours,

WM. S. DONALDSON,

Grand Supt. Huron District, No. 6.

Atwood, Ont.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Niagara District No. 7 for the year 1927. My first official act was to appoint Comp. E. L. Snyder, of Smithville, as my District Secretary. He accompanied me on all my visits, and rendered valuable assistance in examining the books of the different Chapters.

First I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honour which has been conferred on me by the Companions of the District in electing me to this honourable position and of the many acts of kindness and good fellowship which have been extended to me in my visits to the different Chapters. I have visited all the Chapters in the District and while in two of them, namely in Smithville and Dunnville no work was put on I know that they have capable officers who are conversant with the work, I find the work of a uniform character and well done. The neglect of the Book of Marks complained of by R. Ex. Comp. Herod has been overcome, and I find they have a Book of Marks properly kept, I brought this to the attention of the Scribes E. of the different Chapters, and was assured that the requirement in this respect would be observed.

WILSON CHAPTER, NO. 64, WELLAND.—I made my official visit to Willson Chapter on Wednesday evening, May 25th, I was accompanied by Comp. E. L. Snyder, Ex. Comp. E. Merritt, and Comp. W. N. Vail. I was introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Holstock and was received. Ex. Comp. W. Malcolm, First Principal, of Willson Chapter, who extended a hearty welcome to myself and escort. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree which was conferred by the First Principal and his officers in an excellent manner.

Having visited this Chapter unofficially one month previous and having seen the Royal Arch degree on that occasion I am prepared to say that they are second to none in the District. I was especially impressed with the work of the Principal Sojourner.

Comp. Geo. Wells, Scribe E., had his books in excellent shape, but reports quite a lot of the Companions in arrears of dues. After the Chapter was closed we retired to the banquet room, where a pleasant hour was spent in social entertainment.

HUGH MURRAY CHAPTER, No. 184, BRIDGEBURG.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Tuesday evening, October 11th. I was accompanied on this occasion by Comp. E. L. Snyder and Ex. Comp. E. Merritt. I was presented to the Chapter by Ex. Comp. James Tait, and was received on behalf of the officers and Companions by the First Principal, H. W. Jamieson. The work of the evening was the Mark Master degree which was conferred by Ex. Comp. Jamieson and his officers in a very creditable manner.

This Chapter has had no candidate prior to my visit for some time, I was informed, but having taken a new lease of life I believe will prosper in the future. The Chapter is peculiarly situated being in a railroad town and men working up through the Chairs are, I am informed, often moved away before they can get to the office of First Principal and the Chapter is handicapped to that extent.

On the occasion of my visit a goodly number of Companions from Summit Chapter, Buffalo, headed by Ex. Comp. Dr. Crandill, paid a visit to Bridgeburg; after the close of the Chapter a very pleasant hour was spent around the banquet table, and in getting acquainted with the Companions from Buffalo.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, ST. CATHARINES.—My next official visit was to Mount Moriah Chapter, N. 19, on October 14th. I was

accompanied on this occasion by Comp. E. L. Snyder, Ex. Comp. E. Merritt, and Comp. J. A. Schnick. I was introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. A. N. Lindsay and very cordially received by Ex. Comp. S. Kearns. The work of the evening was the Mark Master degree which was conferred on the candidate in a very impressive manner.

Ex. Comp. A. G. Wood and Ex. Comp. Brennan, of Niagara Chapter No. 55, were present on this occasion. The Lodge of Mark Masters was duly closed and the work of the Chapter resumed.

The Chapter was then closed in due form, and we retired to the banquet room where a social hour was spent. R. Ex. Comp. A. N. Lindsay, Scribe E., has his books in good shape and, reports dues fairly well paid and the prospects good.

NIAGARA CHAPTER, NO. 55, NIAGARA ON THE LAKE.—On Friday, November 5th, I paid my official visit to Niagara Chapter. I was accompanied on this occasion by Comp. E. L. Snyder, Ex. Comp. E. Merritt, and Comp. R. E. Book. I was introduced to the Companions by R. Ex. Comp. F. J. McClelland and received by Ex. Comp. E. H. Brennan, the First Principal of the Chapter. The work of the evening was the election of officers and the Mark Master Mason degree.

Ex. Comp. Brennan conducted the election of officers which passed off in a very quiet manner, without any friction of any kind. After the election was finished a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened and the Degree conferred on a candidate in a very able manner. V. Ex. Comp. A. J. Wood, the Scribe E., has his books in good shape, and the Book of Marks up to date. After the close of the Chapter a pleasant time was spent in the hall down stairs where we listened to some splendid addresses.

The Craft in the jurisdiction of Niagara Chapter own the building in which they meet, and they have very good quarters indeed. On the wall hang pictures of some of the men who in-

roduced Masonry into the District, and it cannot fail to be inspiring to those who are trusted with the task of carrying on the work of Masonry to-day.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, No. 69, GRIMSBY.—I paid my official visit to Grimsby Chapter on Tuesday, November 15th. I was accompanied by Comp. E. L. Snyder, Ex. Comp. E. Merritt, and Comp. C. L. Adams. I was introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. James A. Wray and R. Ex. Comp. W. F. Randall, and was received on behalf of the Companions by Ex. Comp. E. Culp. The work of the evening was the election of officers and the Mark Master degree. The executive session and the election of officers consumed so much time that I advised an Emergent meeting to confer the work. After the Chapter was closed a pleasant time was spent and we parted by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

I visited the Chapter again at an Emergent meeting on December 1st, when the Mark Master degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner.

The books of R. Ex. Comp. W. F. Randall are in good shape, but they have too much money in outstanding dues for the good of the Chapter, but I understand these are being reduced considerably.

MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER, No. 76, NIAGARA FALLS.—On the evening of November 18th I officially visited Mount Nebo Chapter accompanied by Comp. E. L. Snyder, Ex. Comp. E. Merritt. I was introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Swannell and Ex. Comp. John R. Weare, and received by Ex. Comp. Dr. French in a very cordial manner. There was a very small turnout of members owing, I was told, to a hockey game in town but those who were there were very enthusiastic. The work of the evening was the election of officers and the conferring of the Most Excellent degree. I was called on by Ex. Comp. Dr. French to act as Scrutineer at the election which passed off very smoothly.

After the election a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened, presided over by Ex. Comp.

Escott, Second Principal, and the Most Excellent degree was conferred in a very able manner.

After the Chapter was closed we retired to the banquet room where we spent a pleasant time. The books of the Chapter are in good shape.

R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Swannell is retiring from the office of Scribe E. His duties are being taken by Ex. Comp. G. R. Weare who I have no doubt will make an efficient Scribe E.

KING HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 77, PORT COLBORNE.—I visited this Chapter officially on Friday, November 25th, accompanied by Comp. E. L. Snyder and Ex. Comp. E. Merritt. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McCracken and very cordially received by Ex. Comp. Hicks, First Principal of King Hiram Chapter. This was an Emergent meeting called for the purpose of my reception and the work of the Mark Master degree.

After the Chapter was called off a Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened, and the Degree conferred on a candidate in an excellent manner by Ex. Comp. Hicks, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. McCracken and the officers of the Chapter.

This Chapter has recently moved into a new building which is soon to be dedicated and have excellent prospects for continued growth. Ex. Comp. J. S. Allen has the books in good shape and reports the dues fairly well paid.

SMITHFIELD CHAPTER, No. 240, SMITHFIELD.—I visited my home Chapter officially on Tuesday, December 13th, and was introduced to Ex. Comp. Hays and the officers and Companions by V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Kelly, the Ex. First Principal elect of Smithville Chapter.

I was then called upon by Ex. Comp. Hays to install the officers which I did to the best of my ability. Comp. C. A. Griffin, Scribe E., has the books in good shape and Book of Marks up to date. This Chapter has suffered a period of depression the same as some of the other Chapters in the Dis-

trict, but we feel that the next year will be better and place us on a better footing.

During 1926 and 1927 the brethren of Smithville Chapter had the honour during my term of office in entertaining M. Ex. Comps. K. J. Dunstan, Grand Z., Walter H. Davis, Past Grand Z., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., V. Ex. Comps. E. J. Luttrell, W. H. Hoare and R. Ex. Comp. Forbes, at a Dedication Ceremony on December 2nd, 1927. After the ceremony the assembled company retired to the banquet hall downstairs where full justice was done to the good things provided. After which we listened to some excellent addresses from the members of Grand Chapter, which will be long remembered by the Companions of Smithville Chapter.

MCCALLUM CHAPTER, No. 29, DUNNVILLE.—The evening of Thursday, December 19th I made my official visit to this Chapter. I was accompanied on my visit by Comp. E. L. Snyder and Comp. R. E. Book. I was introduced to the officers and Companions of the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. G. E. Parks and was received in a very cordial manner by Ex. Comp. Thos. Camelford, the First Principal. Having no work for the evening I was asked to take charge and install the officers for the ensuing year. Assisted by Ex. Comp. Massie, as Director of Ceremonies, and Ex. Comp. Congdon as Third Principal, I installed the officers of McCallum Chapter for the ensuing year.

After the Chapter was closed we retired to the banquet room where a buffet lunch was served, and speeches and a social hour engaged in. R. Ex. Comp. Yocom has the books in good shape, and reports the prospects of the Chapter good.

In concluding my report I wish to state that I have kept the matter of the arrearages of dues constantly before the Chapters of the District, and hope that my advice may bear fruit in reducing the amount of such arrearages.

Also in making my rounds I found a decided disinclination on the part of the 1927 officers of the Chapters to attempt to get the work according to the new Ritual. I have advised the learning of the new Ritual and believe every Chapter has provided itself with the same, and the work of the new officers in 1928 will be done according to the manner set forth in the latest work.

I again wish to thank the Companions of the different Chapters for the many kindnesses shown me during my year of office. I have found everything harmonious throughout the District. The Chapters well quartered, and with the proper equipment to work the several degrees. I have had a very enjoyable term and trust that my successor will receive the same courteous assistance, and support which has been extended to me.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. PATTERSON,

Grand Supt. Niagara District, No. 7.

Smithville, Ont.

TORONTO DISTRICT No. 8.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Having completed my duties as Superintendent of Toronto East District No.8, I deem it a privilege and an honour to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District. I desire at this time, to express to the Companions of the District, my sincere appreciation of the signal honour conferred upon me in electing me to the important office as the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal. The appointment to this office has brought to me not only many privileges, and opportunities, but also a realization of responsibility as well.

I confess to certain hesitancy in accepting nomination to this important office, but I desire to point out, that, on my visits official, and social, I have invariably met with kindness itself, and the courtesy and co-operation meted out to me by the majority of the Principals and Companions, has made my duties during my incumbency easy to bear. Being ever conscious of the responsibilities connected with the office, I have endeavoured, in some small measure, to further the interests of the Royal Craft, among the Companions as individuals, and Chapters as a body, and to me the past year has been one of pleasure, inspiration, and education, and I am firmly convinced that any suggestions, I may have offered that I deemed advisable as a means of furthering the best interests of any individual Chapter, or the Royal Craft in general, were accepted in the true Masonic spirit in which they were intended.

I have found the Ruling Principals, and Officers competent in their respective duties, and the interest, and enthusiasm with which they entered into the spirit of our ceremonies, the special attention, and earnest effort on the part of all to carry out the work allotted to them in as uniform a

manner as is physically possible so to do, gives added assurance of the continued increasing prosperity that I have observed in many of the Chapters throughout the District.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. A. B. Gardiner, as District Secretary. The diligence and willingness with which he has discharged the various duties appertaining to this office during the year, have amply justified his appointment. There are fourteen Chapters in Toronto East District No. 8, ten of which are in the city of Toronto, and the remaining four outside the city. All of these Chapters have been visited officially by myself, except two, namely, Beaver No. 225, which was inspected by R. Ex. Comp. C. H. C. Wright, and St. Pauls No. 65, which was inspected by R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Land. Many of the Chapters I visited twice and oftener.

On my several visits, the officers and Companions showed signs of sincerity, efficiency, and loyalty, and to have the welfare, and progress of Capitular Masonry at heart. Indeed, some of them presented to me beautiful flowers for my wife Mrs. Winn, and other acceptable articles for myself, which kind courtesies were much appreciated.

The programmes in the banqueting rooms were interesting, and of a wholesome nature. At this point I desire to say, that some of the Chapters indulge too freely, and entertain too lavishly in the banqueting room for the best interests of their financial position. I do not lose sight of the fact, that, in financial matters, each Chapter is a sovereign body, at the same time, it is under a certain amount of financial obligation to Grand Chapter, and so should refrain as much as possible from injudicious expenditure.

A system whereby benevolence would play a prominent part in the activities of Capitular Masonry should be adopted, for it is to be regretted that some of our Chapters do not show one dollar expended in benevolence while those who have, in

my humble opinion, could do much better, if they only thought so.

It is the last thought in my mind to censure the presiding officers, because I fully realize the fact that father time has played an important part in the development of present customs, and that the incoming officers seem to be content with the management of those gone before, hence this undesirable condition of affairs, particularly as relating to benevolence and charity. Here is hoping that better conditions will gradually become prevalent, and that more thought will be devoted to one of our most cherished Masonic principals; I mean Charity.

Many meetings worthy of mention, if space would permit, have been held during the year, such as;—fraternizing one Chapter with another, At Homes, Picnics, Divine Services, Chapters of Instruction, Anniversary Celebrations, Name Day Celebrations, the entertaining of Grand Chapter Officers, Presentation of Grand Chapter regalia, and Life Memberships, etc. In conclusion, I may say that, the real fellowship existing between the several Chapters, spells success for the future of Capitular Masonry in this Toronto East District No. 8.

Following is a statement of my visitations:

ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN, No. 4, TORONTO.—I have enjoyed many pleasant hours in the company of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Ed. W. Knee, and his Companions, within the Chapter, and without. When entering the portals of this Chapter, a feeling of warmth of Companionship seems to permeate the air, and one soon realizes that he is visiting “MOTHER.” Many events of note have entered into the activities of this Chapter during the past three years, chief of which was its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary, at which the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, presented in his usual happy style, a very interesting outline of the history of this Chapter since its introduction into York, now Toronto. I was presented on the occasion of

my visit with a token of good will, in the form of a St. Andrew and St. John Chapter jewel, which is very dear to me, not for its intrinsic value, but for the true Masonic spirit in which it was given, and the bunch of lovely roses sent to Mrs. Winn from the Companions of St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, which were very much appreciated.

It was on April 22nd that I inspected this Chapter in the presence of many Grand Chapter Officers, and Companions. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. H. King, and accorded a most kindly welcome, after which Ex. Comp. Knee, and his officers offered for my approval the conferring of the Holy Royal Arch degree, with full musical ritual, in a masterly, and impressive manner. I noted with especial interest the floor work of the Standard Bearers which was a distinct addition to the efficacy and beauty of this Supreme degree in Masonry.

The books are well up to the standard of perfection, all of which I would enter as Class "A." The welfare of this Chapter is being properly guarded, and its continued success is assured.

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, NO. 8, TORONTO.—This Chapter is one of the pioneers of the District, and its activities throughout the year have been numerous and varied, and always of an interesting character.. The 70th Anniversary held on October 27th, is worthy of special mention, at which Convocation R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, the Grand Scribe E., delivered a very interesting historical address. Then there was the Past Principal's Night, at which the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on Bro. William Reginald Shaw and son of the W.M. of the evening, R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Shaw. The presentation to Ex. Comp. Walter H. Hoare by the Companions of King Solomon's Chapter, of regalia suitable to this office as the Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was another pleasing event.

It was on the evening of May 26th I attended the regular Convocation of this Chapter in my Of-

ficial Capacity, and I was most cordially received by the sitting Principal, Ex. Comp. Woods. The ceremony of the evening was the conferring of the Most Excellent Master degree, and it was a great pleasure for me to witness this degree conferred in such a splendid manner, being done so efficiently that it would be difficult to improve upon. I had expected something good, and was in no wise disappointed.

The books of this Chapter are in the capable hands of Comp. Stanley Tinker as Scribe E., and the District Secretary reports that they are neatly and properly kept, and in excellent shape. I am pleased to report this Chapter to be in the very best of health, wealth, and prosperity, and indications point to the continuance of these blessings.

DORIC CHAPTER, NO. 60, NEWMARKET.—On the occasion of my visit to this Chapter in my official capacity, on October 5th, I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang, V. E. Comp. Thompson also several Companions from Victoria Chapter, Thornhill. I was delighted to meet up with R. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, and a goodly representation of Companions who had journeyed over from Uxbridge. I was most cordially received by the Companions and introduced by Ex. Comp. Little. Ex. Comp. Jack Kyte, and his regular officers, unassisted, were the recipient of a very flattering compliment from R. Ex. Comp. Lang, and R. Ex. Comp. Hare on the splendid presentation of the Holy Royal Arch degree. Much credit is due to the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Kyte, for one of the most successful years this Chapter has had the privilege to enjoy.

The Book of Marks being in the custody of the Scribe E., Comp. Muir, is assurance that each initiate chooses and places the design of his particular mark therein.

The silver lining of the cloud, is visible here, and the future success of this Chapter seems to be fairly well assured.

YORK CHAPTER, No. 62, TORONTO.—Prior to my appointment as Superintendent of this District, I have visited this Chapter occasionally, and was always accorded a most cordial welcome, and my visit of inspection which occurred on the 14th of October was no exception to the rule, when I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Arthur Dalby, and most kindly received by Ex. Comp. Alex. Paton, after which he and his officers presented the ceremony of the evening, i.e., the Holy Royal Arch degree.

I noticed with particular interest the enthusiastic support accorded the Ruling Principal by a number of Past Principals, which aided materially in the success of the evening.

The books of this Chapter are well kept, and all officers are capable and painstaking, and I am confident that the ensuing year will have much prosperity in store for York Chapter.

I particularly wish to thank all the Companions of York Chapter for all that they so cheerfully did, in making the Chapter of Instruction held in their Chapter quarters on January 13th, the most successful affair of its kind held in the city of Toronto for some time.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, No. 65, TORONTO.—I am deeply indebted to R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang for his kindness in the inspection of this Chapter, which was October 12th, and beg to submit his report received in due course.

“Your request for me to visit and inspect the work of the Companions of this Chapter, was received only in time for me to reach the Chapter, for my reception. No arrangement for a Secretary having been made, and wishing to have a Companion from another Chapter act for me, I secured the services of Ex. Comp. Jones of Orient Chapter, who was pleased to perform the duties as my Secretary for the evening.

We were introduced by Ex. Comp. Morgan, R. Griffiths, acting Director of Ceremonies, in a most congenial and dignified manner, which is character-

istic of him, and were cordially received by Ex. Comp. Wallace Scott, the first Principal, who expressed the loyalty of the Companions of the Chapter, to the Grand Chapter of Canada. The Royal Arch degree, being the work arranged for the evening, was conferred well up to the standard of good work, on the whole, while some of the officers performed their respective parts exceptionally well, of which I desire to make mention; the First Principal, Ex. Comp Wallace Scott, directed the work with ability and accuracy. Ex. Comp. W. D. Greer, Second Principal, performed his work exceedingly well, especially the Symbolical Lecture, which he rendered practically word perfect, and in a dignified and impressive manner. The same can be said of the work of the Third Principal, Ex. Comp. A. E. Knox, except it lacked a little of impression. The signs given by Ex. Comp. W. B. Milliken, was without doubt exceptionally well done.

The work of the Principal Sojourner, Comp. M. S. Gooderham, was highly commendable, yes, I believe I am correct in saying it excelled the performance of any Principal Sojourner I have ever witnessed; his handling of the candidates was an example, the rendition of the different parts I believe about perfect; his demeanor; natural and dignified, and his delivery distinct, explicit, and impressive. The work of the other officers, was without exception well done. Ex. Comp. Jones, acting Secretary for me, reported the books and records to the neatly and accurately kept, and the financial position of the Chapter good, and I am able to accompany this report with a copy of the Auditor's Statement, which appears to me to be very good.

ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 79, TORONTO.—I have made several visits to Orient Chapter, and have always been most cordially received and made to feel at home. This Chapter has, to my personal knowledge, the happy habit of fraternizing more frequently I think than any other Chapter in the

District, thus showing that they are keenly interested in the great work in which it is their privilege and pleasure to engage. I visited Orient Chapter in my official capacity, on April 14th, was accorded a warm welcome by Ex. Comp. Alf. Jones, and his officers and Companions.

The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred by the Ruling Principal and his officers, and they are to be highly congratulated upon the uniformity of work, and the earnest endeavour on the part of each and every officer to make a first and lasting impression of this beautiful degree on the mind of the candidates.

The books of this Chapter are in first class shape throughout, as well as the finances, and all credit is due for this to R. Ex. Comp. D. S. L. Mac Dougall, the Scribe E. Prospects for this Chapter are excellent.

SUCCOTH CHAPTER, No. 135, UXBRIDGE.—On June 9th I visited this Chapter officially being accompanied by a good number of Companions from Doric Chapter, Newmarket, and was delighted to see Ex. Comp. Alf Jones, Ruling Principal of Orient Chapter, Toronto, and several of his Companions there. With a great deal of pleasure I saw Ex. Comp. Malcolm and his officers work the Holy Royal Arch degree in a highly commendable manner. This Chapter is a daughter of Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket. The conferring of this degree was extremely well done, and is a distinct credit to a rural Chapter. The officers show skill, efficiency, and preparation although drawn from a wide District.

The District Secretary reports that the books under the care of R. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, the Scribe E., are strictly in order, the Book of Marks, especially being well filled.

This Chapter is in a very thriving condition, and being situated in the North-east angle of the District is a shining light in Capitular Masonry, under the guidance of two of the most enthusiastic

and skilled Companions, R. Ex. Comps. W. S. Ormiston and V. M. Hare.

THE ST. PATRICK CHAPTER, No. 145, TORONTO.— I have had the pleasure of being entertained by the Ruling Principal, Ex. Comp. Frank G. McLean, and his Companions on several occasions, and my visits have always lingered long in my memory. Many events of note in connection with this Chapter are worthy of special mention, chief of which was the "Grand Irish Night" on March 19th, their name day, this event providing a huge success from every angle. Special mention should also be made of the Regular Convocation of this Chapter held on the 15th, October, when the work of the evening was in charge of Ex. Comp. George W. Slack and his picked group of Companions from the various Chapters of the District, who gave a very fine exemplification of the Holy Royal Arch degree, as it is now worked under the new Ritual, being such to show that these beautiful ceremonies were valued and thoroughly understood, and I desire here to express my deepest appreciation to Ex. Comp. McLean for his willingness in inserting on the Summons covering this Convocation, that the same would take the form of a Chapter of Instruction.

I should like to mention many more interesting happenings conducted by this Chapter, but as space will not permit, the above must suffice. This strong and influential Chapter was inspected on April 16th. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred in an excellent manner by Ex. Comp. McLean and his efficient staff of officers, assisted by Past Principals. Of especial interest was the effect created by the use of the musical ritual, which with the splendid quartette lends sublimity and solemnity to this most beautiful degree in Masonry. This Chapter, with its beautifully furnished room and equipment, its efficient officers and large membership, combined with a strong financial position, is doing a wonderful work in furthering the ideals of Capitular Masonry.

THE BEACHES CHAPTER, No. 163, TORONTO.—The activities of this Chapter throughout the year have been numerous and varied, chief of which was, the celebration of its twentieth anniversary held at its Regular Convocation in May.

Another notable event was the Annual Empire Night celebrated on October 3rd, when R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., became the happy recipient of a honorary membership certificate. The pleasures of this evening were much enhanced by the presence of Comp. Albert Maccoomb's orchestra in the banquet room. Still another important evening was the Chapter Annual At-Home held on the evening of November 29th.

On April 4th, I made my maiden inspection to this Chapter, accompanied by several Grand Chapter officers, and a goodly representation of Companions from Doric Chapter of Newmarket. I was introduced on this occasion by the Director of Ceremonies, Ex. Comp. Eddie Birkenshaw, who by the way has a wonderful faculty of making one feel extremely at home. I do not think the Companions are particularly anxious about numerical numbers, more value being put on good fellowship, close friendship, and kindness one toward another, thus showing what a tower for good each one of them must be to the outside world.

The sitting Principal, Ex. Comp. G. E. Dodd, seemed to be overflowing with a warm welcome toward me, when in due course he assumed the Sceptre, and with the assistance of his staff of capable and efficient officers, conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree in an earnest and very efficient manner. The District Secretary informs me that the books are in order and well kept. The Mark Book, and the finances of the Chapter are in excellent shape. The lovely basket of beautiful flowers presented to me on this occasion, will never be forgotten.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 205, THORNHILL.—The official visit of Inspection to this Chapter occurred on May 11th. I was much impressed with the

capable and efficient manner in which Ex. Comp. C. E. Hill and his officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree.

The First Principal by his optimistic and enthusiastic manner, appears to have engendered a keen interest among the Companions of this Chapter, as is evidence by the good attendance, and the spirit of good fellowship which prevails.

The handsomely-furnished Chapter room and the good condition of the records in charge of the Scribe E., Ex. Comp. J. E. Francis, indicate the best interests of the Royal Craft are being looked after in this Chapter.

The entertainment in the form of a "Ladies' Night" held by the First Principal, his officers and Companions of this Chapter on the evening of November 2nd, was indeed a very successful affair.

ST. ALBANS CHAPTER, NO. 217, TORONTO.—On Tuesday evening, October 25th, accompanied by a number of my Companions from Doric Chapter, Newmarket, I visited this Chapter in my official capacity, and was accorded a very warm welcome by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Lockhart W. Trinnell, who, with the assistance of his officers, and Past Principals presented the work of the Holy Royal Arch degree in an able and efficient manner. Keen interest being observed by each officer during the gradual unfolding of this beautiful degree in Masonry. The First Principal has a splendid group of young officers, whose efficient work indicated continued vigour and success in future for St. Albans' Chapter.

I trust that the same interest will be evinced by these young officers toward the financial well-fare of this Chapter, for, at this time it is my painful duty to report that the finances are not in a very healthy condition, and continued close financing will have to be practiced to put this Chapter on a proper financial basis, and I am confident that this will be done. The District Secretary reports that Ex. Comp. George Gardiner is responsible, as

the Scribe E., for a properly-kept set of books, being extremely neat, and a credit to this Chapter.

BEAVER CHAPTER, No. 225, TORONTO.—As it was an utter impossibility for me to visit this Chapter in my official capacity on the evening most convenient for the First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. G. Anderson, and his officers, I accepted the kindness of R. Ex. Comp. C. H. C. Wright to represent me there, for which services I owe him a deep debt of gratitude.

I give his report in full. I was received by the Ex. First Principal, officers and Companions as your representative very loyally and enthusiastically. They expressed at some length their great regret that you were not able to be with them in person with you genial smile. They worked the Holy Royal Arch degree most impressively on a very appreciative candidate. The work of all the officers reflects most favourably on the faithful band of Past Principals, who were out in numbers. From the register I found that they are very regular in their attendance.

It was particularly pleasant to listen to the excellent rendition of the Principal Sojourner's part. His accent and mellow voice will long be remembered by me. The work of all the officers and Past Principals was beyond criticism. The books and records of their Scribe E. are complete and well kept. The genial Scribe, on account of his personality, is a very decided asset to the Chapter. The Ex. First Principal not only knows his work well but makes a splendid presiding officer. It lacked only your presence, Right Excellent Sir, to make it a perfect evening.

AURORA CHAPTER, No. 235, AURORA.—This Chapter is another offspring of Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket, and as such, it is always a great pleasure for me to pay them a friendly fraternal visit, indeed my relation with this Chapter is such, that I am a self-appointed member. A very success-

ful "Open Night" was conducted by this Chapter on the evening of Friday, April 15th, when the Companions, and a goodly representation of members of the Craft Lodge were treated to a very enjoyable and instructive address by R. Ex. Comp. C. H. C. Wright of University Chapter, Toronto, his theme being "Capitular Masonry." I paid my last visit in my official capacity to this Chapter on Friday evening, November 18th, and witnessed the Holy Royal Arch degree ceremony.

Ex. Comp. J. H. Knowles and his officers acquitted themselves in the rendition of this degree in a highly efficient manner, ably assisted by several Past Principals, among whom was V. Ex. Comp. "Bob" McQuade. The First Principal and his officers are enthusiastic, and capable, and indications point to the future well being of this Chapter. Ex. Comp. A. B. Gardiner, the District Secretary, reports that special mention should be made of the fact that, through the good work of Ex. Comp. Frank R. Underhill, Scribe E., the fees for the present year are almost one hundred per cent paid up. An enviable position, I should say, for any Chapter to enjoy.

UNIVERSITY CHAPTER, No. 241, TORONTO.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on October 4th, accompanied by a few of my Companions of Doric Chapter, Newmarket. It was indeed a double pleasure, and I feel highly flattered at being asked to attend in my official capacity on this the fifth anniversary of the youngest Chapter in the District.

Ex. Comp. Nichol, assisted by his officers and Past Principals, presented the Holy Royal Arch degree in a genuinely impressive manner. The District Secretary informs me that the books are well kept, and records preserved, and I have every reason to believe that under the guidance of R. Ex. Comp. C. H. C. Wright, and the assistance of V. E. Comp. Percy Rogers, this Chapter cannot help but prosper and thus become a peer in this splendid District of Royal Arch Masons. A very pleasant

feature at the "Festive Board," was the introduction of a most exquisite birthday cake, suitably adorned with a sort of net work, upon the top of which was arranged the requisite number of candles, all of which, excepting the candles, was in due course enjoyed by all present, wishing health, wealth and prosperity to the baby Chapter of the District.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.

A very successful and profitable Chapter of Instruction was held in York Masonic Temple, Eglinton Avenue, Toronto, on Friday evening, January 13th, 1928. Through the courtesy of Ex. Comp. Ben Logie, his officers and Companions, the York Chapter rooms were thrown open for the occasion; the work of the evening, being the Mark Master Mason degree.

At intervals, during the rendition of the degree, R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang in a very able manner explained and pointed out to the Companions the various changes from the old "Work" as compared with that of the "New." I am greatly indebted to R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and R. Ex. Comp. H. H. Lang who assisted in this valuable piece of instruction, and particularly do I wish to thank all the R. Ex. Companions, V. Ex. Companions, and Ex. Companions of the various Chapters in the District who participated in the work of the evening.

There were about 150 Companions present on this occasion, representing practically every Chapter in the District, and many compliments were paid to those responsible in making this affair one of the most acceptable of its kind held in the city of Toronto.

Compliments, and expressions of regret, at being unable to be present on account of pressing business, were received from the M. Ex., the Grand First Principal, and R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, Grand J.

In conclusion, I desire to thank all those who have assisted me in the discharge of my duties. I have enjoyed the work, which has afforded me a wonderful opportunity to make many new friends, and renew old friendships, and I wish for my successor in office the same kindly reception that I have experienced.

Forsooth Companion, fellowship is Heaven,
And the lack of Companionship is Hell;
Companionship is life, and the lack of Companion-
ship is death;
And the deeds that ye do upon the earth,
It is for Companionship's sake that ye do them.
Therefore I bid ye not dwell in hell,
But in heaven upon earth which is a part of heaven.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ARTHUR WINN,

Grand Supt. Toronto District, No. 28.

Newmarket, Ont.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, No. 8A.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to present herewith my report as District Superintendent of this District for the year now closing. In the first place I wish to express my thanks to V. Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick for the most efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of District Secretary, and also for the assistance which he has rendered to me throughout the year.

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., is always a splendid support and to him I express my appreciation and also to many other R. Ex. and Ex. Companions who give freely of their time in the interest of the Royal Craft in this District.

A gratifying feature of my official visits has been the number of Past Principals present, and this is only one of the many indications of the harmony and goodfellowship which is so apparent throughout the District.

The keen interest shown by the Companions while the degree work was being performed, gave evidence of the anxiety of the members to see their officers do the work in the best possible manner.

My official visits were as follows:

ANTIQUITY CHAPTER, No. 91, TORONTO.—On Wednesday, March 23rd, I visited this Chapter, and being my first official inspection, was much impressed with the splendid reception given me, and the large number present, among them were many present and past Grand Chapter officers, as well as most of the ruling Principals of the two Toronto Districts. The work was the Holy Royal Arch degree, and was conferred in the most dignified and impressive manner, all the officers were in their places. The books of this Chapter are kept, and the finances in splendid condition. Antiquity is steadily adding good material to their numbers, and their prospects are bright.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NO. 212, TORONTO.—Tuesday, April 5th, I visited this Chapter and witnessed a splendid exemplification of the Holy Royal Arch degree. The work done by each officer was highly creditable and left no room for criticism. The books and records of the Chapter are well kept and the finances in good condition. A goodly number of visiting Companions were present which gave evidence of the co-operation and good fellowship which exists.

I also visited this Chapter on October 18th, on this occasion the Grand First Principal was present, and was accompanied by a number of Present and Past Grand Lodge officers and other Companions. The Holy Royal Arch degree under the new ritual was conferred on this occasion in a most creditable manner, and its reception by those present gave evidence of renewed interest.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, NO. 231, TORONTO.—On Thursday, April 28th, the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred, in a most impressive manner, all officers being present and a goodly number of visiting Companions. A complete new set of Banners and Veils were used on this occasion for the first time, and the stately and precise manner in which each officer performed his part, gave indication of a special effort on this particular night. The books are well and neatly kept and the finances in good condition. This Chapter is going ahead and the prospects are bright. A quartett added to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 232, TORONTO.—I visited this Chapter on Monday, May 19th, when Ex. Comp. Sinclair and his officers conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree in an efficient manner. The work of this Chapter has always been of a high standard, and it is being well maintained. They are blessed with a number of faithful Past Principals, who are always present to encourage and assist the officers. The books are well kept and prospects good.

TORONTO CHAPTER, No. 185, TORONTO.—On Monday, May 16th, was my official visit when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a commendable manner. There was a good attendance of members and visiting Companions. The Books are well kept, financial condition sound. This Chapter has a number of able and influential Past Principals and should be one of the leading Chapters of the District.

LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 220, LAMBTON MILLS.—I visited this Chapter on Wednesday, May 18th, when Ex. Comp. Kelly and his officers conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree in an intelligent and impressive manner. There was a fair attendance present including several present and past Grand Chapter officers. The books of this Chapter are well kept and finances in good shape. This Chapter has a healthy growth and prospects for the future are bright.

MIMICO CHAPTER, No. 215, MIMICO. — On Wednesday, June 1st, this Chapter was officially visited when the Holy Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a pleasing and impressive manner, each officer was in his place and performed his portion of the work in an easy and dignified way. The books and finances are in good condition and prospects favourable. At this Convocation one hundred and fifty dollars was donated to a needy family which is evidence that Mimico Chapter is practising the principles of Masonry, without as well as within its portals.

PEEL CHAPTER, No. 195, BRAMPTON.—This Chapter was visited officially on Tuesday, October 4th, when I was accompanied by a number of present and past Grand Chapter officers and Companions of the City Chapters, including a number of ruling Principals. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most impressive manner. The books are well kept and finances in sound shape.

At this Convocation a splendid sum of money was donated to assist the Companion of a neighbouring Chapter who was in the hospital with a broken limb. This is another evidence of the true Masonic spirit existing amongst members of the Royal Craft.

OAKWOOD CHAPTER, No. 233, TORONTO.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Thursday, October 6th, and received a most enthusiastic and loyal welcome. The work was the Holy Royal Arch degree and was conferred by the officers in that perfect and impressive manner seldom surpassed. The books are well kept, finances in good shape and prospects bright. This Chapter is ably supported by its Past Principals, particularly may I mention V. E. Comp. Luttrell who has taken a large part in bringing this Chapter to its present good standing. I also visited this Chapter on December 1st, and assisted at the Installation ceremony. It is gratifying to see the younger element of this Chapter so enthusiastic and all working in unison for the benefit of the Royal Craft.

Since my official visit the Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. Hyndman, has past to the great beyond. He was a most valued officer and his loss is regretted by all.

PORT CREDIT CHAPTER, No. 230, PORT CREDIT.—My official visit to this Chapter was made on Friday, October 7th, when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in an exceedingly able manner. A number of visitors were present from the city and surrounding Chapters, and all seemed to possess the same opinion, that the high standard of work which this Chapter has always enjoyed, still continues. At this meeting an Historical work of the Chapter and the village was presented to each one present by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith who also made interesting comments which was greatly appreciated by all present. This Chapter is in good hands and the books and finances are in proper

shape. This is the home of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Price and his activities are responsible for a large share of this Chapter's prosperity.

OCCIDENT CHAPTER, No. 77, TORONTO.—This is my Mother Chapter. The official visit was arranged for, Friday, October 14th, and at my request R. Ex. Comp. P. K. Perry, kindly consented to inspect the Chapter and comment on the work. At my suggestion the Mark Master Mason degree in the new Ritual was conferred and the R. Ex. Companion spoke in most flattering terms of the manner in which the work was done. He also commented on the very large number present and the general good condition of this Chapter. I could not resist the opportunity of adding my congratulations to the officers who had put on this degree on short notice.

HUMBER CHAPTER, No. 246, WESTON.—In Company with a number of Companions from the City Chapters, I made my official visit to this Chapter on Thursday, October 20th. The work was the Holy Royal Arch degree, and was conferred by the officers in a manner highly satisfactory. The books and finances are in good shape and the prospect for this Chapter look bright. They have here some most energetic Past Principals who are of great assistance.

ULSTER CHAPTER, No. 219, TORONTO.—I visited this Chapter officially on Wednesday, October 26th, and was accompanied by several Present and Past Grand Lodge officers and other Companions from the Toronto Districts. The work of the evening was the Holy Royal Arch degree, in the new form, and the officers conferred it in a manner highly commendable.

The interest shown by the large number present in this work was quite noticeable, and the expressions of approval heard from several afterwards was to be expected. The books are well kept and

finances in good shape. This hall has recently undergone extensive alterations and is now equal to any in the city. This Chapter has splendid possibilities and progress is expected.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, No. 138, TORONTO.—My visit to this Chapter was somewhat delayed due to the alterations the building was undergoing, however, on Tuesday, November 8th, I witnessed the work of the Holy Royal Arch degree which the officers conferred in a satisfactory manner. This Chapter has not made the progress which was expected. However, it is fortunate in having a number of able and influential Past Principals, and it is hoped with their assistance, a new reign of progress and prosperity will ensue.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the Ruling Principals of this District who have always endeavoured to lighten and brighten my duties in connection with this office, and also to express my appreciation for the honour done me.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. LAWRENCE,

Grand Supt. Toronto West District, No. 8A.

Toronto, Ont.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District No. 9, for the year 1927.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the honour conferred upon me by the representatives of the Chapters of this District in electing me to the high and important office of Grand Superintendent, and to express my thanks also to the Most Excellent Grand First Principal for confirming the same.

During my term of office I have visited each Chapter, at least once, and witnessed degree work in all except one. My reception was most cordial in all of them, which I attributed somewhat to the popularity of our Grand First Principal. The degrees were uniformly and impressively conferred and the true spirit of fraternity seemed to prevade all the meetings.

With the exception of Grand River Chapter the Book of Marks seems to have been neglected, but next year with the new ritual there will be a forced improvement here. All the Chapters of this District are adopting the new work and I have recommended a series of inter-visiting next year to exemplify the new work and to deepen the fellowship between Chapters.

I gave two addresses on my visits, one in the Chapter room on "Symbolism of the Royal Arch," and the other at the banquet on "Outline History of Free Masonry" for the purpose of stimulating more interest in the study of symbolism and the origin of our beloved fraternity.

MANITOU CHAPTER, No. 27, COLLINGWOOD.—I visited my mother Chapter officially on November 25th at which the annual election of officers took place. I was very flatteringly introduced by R. Ex.

Comp. Stephens, and most cordially received by the Companions. The Royal Arch degree was impressively conferred on four candidates and a substitute, by Ex. Comp. Turner and his officers assisted by several Past Z.'s, twelve visiting Companions from MacPherson Chapter, Meaford, added a great deal to the success of the meeting. Manitou Chapter has had a very successful year having had twelve candidates for initiation, and the future of this oldest Chapter of the District is extremely bright. The fellowship existing in this Chapter is wonderful, and is due largely to light refreshments at the close of each meeting. Other Chapters would do well to copy this.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 34, BARRIE.—I had the pleasure of celebrating my birthday by officially visiting Signet Chapter on September 13th. I was very kindly received and welcomed by R. Ex. Comps. Cowan and Merrick and also V. Ex. Comp. Shrubsole and his officers and Companions.

The Royal Arch degree was very beautifully exemplified almost word perfect. The whole work of the First Principal being given very beautifully by V. Ex. Comp. Shrubsole.

The attendance was somewhat interfered with by a counter attraction, it being the first night of the Kiwanis festival.

The books and records are all well kept, and Signet being the largest Chapter of the District there is no doubt about its future.

GEORGIAN CHAPTER, No. 56, OWEN SOUND.—I had the pleasure of visiting and receiving a very hearty welcome in this Chapter on October 18th. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Ex. Comp. Waugh, the First Principal's Chair was filled by Ex. Comp. Sheriff, who with his officers very ably conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on one candidate. The books of this Chapter are all in good condition. There seems to be a little lack of enthusiasm which could easily be increased by light refresh-

ments at each meeting or the election of one of their number as Superintendent. Their "Fourth Degree" was very fine, and was much enjoyed by myself as well as by the other Companions who accompanied me.

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER, No. 70, BRACEBRIDGE.—I shall always retain very fond memories of my official visit to Grand River Chapter on September 15th, accompanied by Comp. McClure and also V. Ex. Comp. Shrubsole of Barrie. I was very kindly introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Andrews and most cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. Spreadborough, the officers and Companions. The Royal Arch degree was very well exemplified on two candidates V. Ex. Comp. Fryer assisting in this work. The book and records are all in excellent shape and the Scribe E., Companion Warne, who has rendered service for many years is especially to be complimented in having his book of marks in perfect shape, the only one in the District. At the banquet a most wonderful fellowship prevailed and not the least part of the entertainment were songs given by "Sandy." Several visiting Companions from Orillia also added to the success of the evening.

MACPHERSON CHAPTER, No. 86, MEAFORD.—I officially visited this Chapter on October 20th, and was accompanied by a large delegation from my mother Chapter. I was officially introduced by my old friend, R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Bright, and was very enthusiastically received by Ex. Comp. Keffer, his officers and the Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on one candidate and a substitute, in a very efficient manner by the officers assisted by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Bright and V. Ex. Comp. W. G. Bright. The Scribe E. is very efficient and has all his books in good shape. At the close a very pleasant hour and a half was spent at a banquet, listening to speech and song, at which many links were forged in the golden chain of friendship.

AMABEL CHAPTER, No. 131, WIARTON.—Accompanied by four Companions of Manitou Chapter I visited Amabel Chapter officially on October 6th. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Foster and was warmly received and welcomed by the officers and Companions. Ex. Comp. Dobson and his officers seem to be very sincere and enthusiastic, but as there was no degree work I had not the pleasure of seeing a degree exemplified. This Chapter is handicapped somewhat by having a large sailor membership and hence most of the work is done in winter months. I have encouraged a strong canvas among Master Masons who have not yet completed the search for the Genuine Secrets. R. Ex. Comp. Foster is a very efficient Scribe E., and has his books and records in good shape.

KICHIKEWANA CHAPTER, No. 167, MIDLAND.—I visited this Chapter officially on October 28th accompanied by Ex. Comp. G. C. Coles, and was given a very enthusiastic reception and welcome by Ex. Comp. Ross, his officers and Companions.

The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a very impressive manner by the Third Principal. The First Principal acting as Junior Warden and obligating the candidate. In V. Ex. Comp. Keefe, this Chapter has a most efficient Scribe E., who has his books and records in very fine shape.

I would like to make special mention of Comp. Raaflaub, a former member of Manitou Chapter, who did the work he was called upon to do well on this occasion.

A very pleasant event of the evening was a unique address and presentation of Grand Superintendents regalia to R. Ex. Comp. Luke. The address and presentation being made by V. Ex. Comp. Keefe. At the banquet hour a very pleasant time was spent, and I had the pleasure of meeting once again an old friend of my college days, Comp. D. A. Johnston. With the officers in charge this Chapter should have a bright future.

COUCHICHIING CHAPTER, No. 198, ORILLIA.—My first official visit as Grand Superintendent was made to this Chapter on May 20th, and was most interesting on account of it being the first meeting held in the new rooms. The Chapter is to be congratulated on having such excellent quarters and with such a lighting system as to make the exemplification of the degree work most impressive, not only to the candidates, but to all present. I was received and welcomed by Ex. Comp. Skinner, his officers and Companions in a manner that left no doubt about the loyalty of this Chapter. The Supreme degree of the Royal Arch was conferred on several candidates in a most commendable manner. The lecture given by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Tudhope being particularly fine. The books of the Scribe E., are well kept, the finances in good shape, the officers are enthusiastic, and the prospects are good. A very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room where Comp. M. B. Tudhope gave a most interesting address on Masonry, Ancient, Free and Accepted.

I visited Couchiching Chapter again on September 8th accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Whipps, and we had the honour of assisting the Most Ex. Grand First Principal and other Grand Chapter Officials in the dedication of the new lodge rooms for Chapter purposes. Afterwards a unique banquet was held in St. Paul's Church banquet hall. It was unique in having the ladies present with us. Outstanding addresses were given by the Grand First Principal, the Grand Scribe E., Comp. M. B. Tudhope and Mrs. Baird, who responded for the lady visitors.

In conclusion I wish to state that Capitular Masonry in this District shows fair progress. I would strongly recommend light refreshments at the close of each meeting and interchange of visits among the Chapters, for the purpose of developing a larger fraternalism among the Companions and Chapters. Also that all eligible Master Masons be encouraged

to complete the search for the "Genuine Secrets" by taking the Royal Arch.

I would also like to thank the Grand Scribe E. for his letters of information and inspiration. Also R. Ex. Comp. Whipps who acted as District Secretary, and Ex. Comp. Turner, Ex. Comp. Coles and other Companions who accompanied me on many of my visitations and helped to stimulate a feeling of friendship and Brotherly Love throughout the District.

Fraternally submitted.

RALPH ERSKINE ROBERTSON,

Grand Supt. Georgian District, No. 9.
Collingwood, Ont.

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 10.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to present this, my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District for the year 1927.

First, let me express my appreciation to the District generally for the high privilege of holding this office and which was handed to me by acclamation at Ottawa.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. W. M. Jermyn, of Keystne Chapter, No. 35, as District Secretary, and I am much indebted to him for assistance rendered, both in a clerical capacity and in examining the books and records of the various Chapters during my official visits. The Constitution, apparently, does not provide for this appointment but my experience shows that even in a small District such an official can be of very material assistance. I think that it would be well for Grand Chapter to officially provide for this office in the same manner indicated by the Craft Grand Lodge.

As a District, the Royal Craft appears to be in a fairly prosperous condition, and so far as my observations go, it was never more so. Two Chapters, only, appear not to be making entirely satisfactory progress. Their chief symptoms of distress are lack of attendance and but few opportunities for degree work. But both have been prosperous Chapters in the past and doubtless will again be so in the future; indeed, I believe the tide has already turned and before the cycle is again complete they will be riding on the crest of the wave.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

IONIC CHAPTER, No. 168, CAMPBELLFORD.—This was their annual Birthday celebration. The attendance was good when I visited the Chapter on March 17th, although the roads leading to Campbellford were well nigh impassible. A load from

Keystone Chapter, Stirling, after being pulled out of the mud twice, arrived at a late hour. But no one else was able to get through by car, except my own party and we have no desire to repeat the journey. Ex. Comp. J. D. Cummnings, Z., and his officers worked the Royal Arch degree in a splendid manner; the former did all the work laid down for the First Principal, including the Mystical Lecture. Happy is the Chapter with enthusiasm such as this; for I take it as an axiom that if the Ruling Z. knows his work, the Past Principals of that Chapter will be Past Principals in fact as well as in name. An elaborate and well-organized banquet, with speech, song and story, proclaimed aloud the zeal and love of the Ionic Chapter Companions for the Royal Craft.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 37, PORT HOPE.—The attendance was fair on May 13th, and included a few visitors from St. John's Chapter headed by my immediate predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. Bert Challis. The Royal Arch degree was conferred with Ex. Comp. C. A. Bradley, Z., on the Throne, assisted by his I.P.Z., Ex. Comp. W. F. McMahon, and other Past Principals of the Chapter. If the Z. of Ionic Chapter went to one extreme in doing his full duty, then the Z. of Victoria certainly did not err in this regard. The work was only fair, but I subsequently saw this Chapter, with W. Bro. McMahon in the East, confer the best Most Excellent Master degree that it has ever been my privilege to witness.

A very pleasant hour was afterwards spent around the Festive Board.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, No. 28, OSHAWA.—This is the oldest Chapter in the District| The attendance on my visit on October 4th was fair including a deputation of ten of their own members from Bowmanville, headed by Comp. Fred C. Hoar, who were present to ask for the recommendation of Pentalpha for a new Chapter, to be called "Pales-

tine," and to be established at Bowmanville. They presented in support of same a petition signed by nineteen Companions. Pentalpha Chapter gracefully endorsed the petition and wished them God speed. This makes the second Chapter sprung from the loins of Pentalpha,—Keystone at Whitby being the first about fifty-eight years ago.

The Work presented was the Royal Arch degree on a class of four candidates. Ex. Comp. O. M. Alger, Z., took the duties of his office until the Veils were passed, after which Ex. Comps. Black and McIntosh finished his duties. The Old Work was used throughout except for the Mystical Lecture, which was splendidly given in the new form by Ex. Comp. D. Ross.

On November 1st, I had the privilege of again visiting this Chapter. It was a Birthday party staged for R. Ex. Comp. Ambrose Henry, the G.O.M. of Oshawa Freemasonry. The R. Ex. Comp., who is a Past Grand Supt. of this District, occupied the W.M.'s Chair and conferred the Mark degree on two candidates, using nothing but the new Work throughout. He did all the work assigned to the W.M. in that degree as correctly and impressively as if he were but thirty years old instead of the eighty, that he is,—a striking commentary to those who prophesied that our elder Companions would never learn the new Work. And he lit the eighty candles on his birthday cake at the subsequent banquet proceedings, and made an excellent post-prandial address. R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Grierson and Comp. T. A. Kaiserf elicited him on behalf of those present.

WARKWORTH CHAPTER, No. 110, WARKWORTH.—Ex. Comp. O. M. Alger, Z., of Pentalpha Chapter, accompanied me on October 10th. Comp Alger was visiting the scene of his early boyhood days. The membership of this Chapter is not large, but what it lacks in numbers it makes up in quality and enthusiasm. There were five visitors from Keystone Chapter at Stirling, including their Ex. Z. The

Work was the Supreme degree, which was conferred very well indeed. Ex. Comp. Dr. H. S. Allen, Z., and his Second and Third Principals are very capable officials. The Mystical lecture was exceedingly well done by Ex. Comp. Armstrong and Buchanan. A pleasant hour was subsequently spent in social intercourse. This is a Chapter after my own heart.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 48, COBOURG.—I had the honour to be present on March 22nd when this Chapter tendered a reception to the M. Ex. the Grand Z. The attendance was good and I saw the best Mark Master Mason degree, it has ever been my privilege to witness. Ex. Comp. F. C. Pepino, Jr., was the W.M. of the Mark Lodge. The Grand Z. was most enthusiastically and loyally entertained and made a splendid address at the banquet festivities.

My official visit took place on October 25th, when there was a fair attendance with visitors present from Lindsay and Port Hope. V. Ex. Comp. W. Sherman Cooper, Z., and his officers exemplified the Royal Arch degree in an almost faultless manner. Comp. R. S. Gilchrist, P.S., was good, so was the Second and Third Principals, so were the P.Z.'s who assisted, viz., Ex. Comps. H. C. Higginbotham, T. J. Stenhouse, J. W. O'Dell and F. R. Drewry. They used the new ritual throughout. The banquet was a pronounced success, and I have nothing but pleasant recollections of this evening.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 36, PETERBOROUGH.—A District Chapter of Instruction was held on October 25th, with every Chapter in the District represented except Midland and Excelsior. The M. Ex., the Grand Z., and the Grand Scribe E. were present throughout the afternoon and evening and helped very materially to make the proceedings the undoubted success that they were. Corinthian Chapter were hosts for the occasion and spared no effort or expense to help; even to providing a natty little badge for everyone present. In the afternoon,

King Darius Chapter of Cannington exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree, followed by Victoria Chapter of Port Hope, with the Most Excellent Master degree. At six o'clock, dinner was served, through the courtesy of the Corinthian Companions in their banqueting hall. At 7.30, the regular Convocation of Corinthian Chapter was convened by Ex. Comp. C. L. Brewer, Z., and his officers opening in the Royal Arch degree, and transacting their business. The M. Ex., the Grand Z., was then formally introduced and received with the Grand Honours, after which the officers of St. John's Chapter of Cobourg, took charge and worked the degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

It was a perfect October day, the attendance was over 200, nothing but the new "Work" was used in any of the degrees and many were the expressions of delight at the excellence of the work done and the beauties of the new ritual. A formal vote of thanks was extended to the Corinthian Companions for the use of their splendid Chapter quarters, their Warrant and their many other acts of fraternal assistance.

After the close, Comp. Dr. Holloway, Mayor of Peterborough, extended a civic welcome which was followed by a most interesting address by the Grand Z. on New Ontario and its possibilities. The Grand Scribe E. delivered an inspiring oration on the Royal Craft and the Chapter of Instruction was over. My only regret was that temperature conditions mitigated against a discussion of our rites and ceremonies.

KING DARIUS NIGHT, No. 134, CANNINGTON.—On April 20th, this Chapter held a Master Mason's Night, at which the Grand J., the Grand Scribe E., other Grand Chapter Officers from Toronto, and the undersigned were present. R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith delivered his lecture on "The tracing Boards covering all the degrees," which was listened to with close attention by all. If more Chapters would copy this example, the Craft would be greatly benefited.

On November 16th, my official visit took place, when Ex. Comp. Howard Keslick, Z., and his officers worked the Royal Arch degree. It was an exceedingly rainy night which undoubtedly dampened the attendance but not the enthusiasm of their two candidates, who came all the way from Kirkfield where is situated Victoria Lodge in the jurisdiction of this Chapter. The new Work was used and it was fairly well presented. Ex. Comp. Dr. Blanchard, P.Z., distinguished himself, as the P. Soj. and the Veilsmen were good. The Mystical lecture was well given by the Z. himself. Ex. Comp. Biggs, the Scribe E., is a tower of strength to this Chapter. The customary banquet brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, No. 94, LINDSAY.—On November 10th, this Chapter paid a fraternal visit to Succoth Chapter at Uxbridge and conferred the Royal Arch degree, by the new work. I had the pleasure of witnessing this very good degree.

At my official visit on November 24th, Ex. Comp. A. R. Warner, Z., and his officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree. It was an Emergent meeting and owing, it was said, to a counter attraction in town the attendance was only twenty-two of which five were visitors. Again it was the new Work; W. Bros. Johnston and Nugent, and R.W. Bro. Davidson assisted the W.M.; the degree was well presented and the welcome extended was of the very best. This Chapter experimented with an exaltation fee of \$60. but the candidates were so few that they decided to put it back to where it used to be. I noticed ten applications for exaltation on their November and December sumonses.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 139, HAVELOCK.—The date of November 28th was most unpropitious, so far as the weather was concerned. A steady all-day rain turned into ice by night making the roads impassable for automobiles; we had to abandon our car at Indian River and make the best of the trip by the good old C.P.R.

The attendance was ten only because of the weather and the railway disaster at Dockrill Siding the previous day. Neither the candidate, the Third Principal or Principal Sojourner could reach town because of the ice conditions. A large number of their members had been called out on special duty because of the railroad accident.

They exemplified part of the Mark Master Mason degree and satisfied me that the real candidate will be properly advanced at a later date. W. Bros. McNicol, Buchanan and Lancaster assisted the W.M. The Scribe E. took over the duties of the S.D. Nevertheless, they served a hot dinner and the social hour that followed makes me wish to meet these Havelock Companions under more favourable conditions.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, NO. 45, COLBORNE. — The attendance was fair when I visited this Chapter on December 6th, and included ten Companions from St. John's at Cobourg headed by their Z., V. Ex. Comp. W. S. Cooper. The First Principal was most gracious in his welcome but immediately vacated the chair in favour of Ex. Comp. C. D. Peebles, P.Z., who proceeded to work the Royal Arch degree in the old form on a class of five candidates, with Ex. Comp. J. T. Gordon, assisting to the extent of the Mystical lecture. The Work showed unfamiliarity and lack of practice; I was confirmed in my previously half-formed opinion that they were not a visiting Chapter. Never had I meet any of the Excellent Companions elsewhere in the District. This was their scheduled Installation night but as the three Principal had been re-elected and most of the other officers re-appointed, this ceremony was performed in a very abbreviated form.

They ran a real banquet after the Chapter was closed. The impression left with me was that they are a splendid lot of Companions; that the Chapter is just emerging from a period of more or less stagnation, and that prosperity is bound to again perch upon their banners in the near future.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 35, WHITBY.—This being my mother Chapter, I have, as usual, attended every meeting. That on November 18th had even more than a District significance inasmuch as the new Chapter room was dedicated by the M. Ex., the Grand Z., assisted by V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell as Grand H., R. Ex. Comps. W. G. Price, Grand J., Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and other Past Principals and Companions from Toronto, Oshawa, Cobourg, Peterborough and other places. After this beautiful ceremony, adjournment was made to the banquet hall where excellent speeches were made by the Grand Z. and other Grand Chapter Officers present.

The Masonic Craft in Whitby, after occupying rented quarters for 102 years, now own the Temple in which they meet. The accommodation is, perhaps, the best in the District, and it is hoped that other places will emulate their example and go themselves one better.

My official visit was made on December 16th, and the Holy Royal Arch degree with the new Work was exemplified by the Past Principals of the Chapter with R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Van Valkenburgh on the Throne. After which the installation ceremony took place with the same R. Ex. Companion in charge, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Ambrose Henry, of Oshawa.

Keystone Chapter have already conferred all the degrees according to the new Work, and Ex. Comp. R. Keith Lawrence was a model Z. until his removal to Toronto, incapacitated him from the active direction of affairs.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, U.D., BOWMANVILLE.—This Chapter came into existence on January 16th, 1928, by virtue of a Dispensation, dated December 17th, 1927. Bowmanville is a town of nearly 5,000 inhabitants and is nine miles away from the nearest Chapter at Oshawa. There is a splendid "Blue" Lodge, Jerusalem, No. 31, in the town, and the Lodges at Newcastle and Orona will be within the

jurisdiction of this Chapter. There is no reason in the world why Palestine Chapter should not flourish. The nineteen Companions named in the Dispensation are all good men and true; the Z. and H. are P.D.D.G.M.'s of Ontario District, another is the M.L.A. for the riding of Durham, yet another is the Mayor of Bowmanville, the I.P.Z. is a well beloved Past Principal of my own Chapter and the others are of the material which develops into Princes and Rulers in the Craft. Palestine Chapter was instituted on January 16th, 1928, and the honour of handing them the Dispensation was mine.

The M. Ex., the Grand Z., graced the occasion by his presence and was accompanied by the Grand Third Principal, the Grand Scribe E., and the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Chapters represented in the District were Pentalpha, Keystone, Victoria and St. John's. Considering weather conditions, the attendance was excellent and all went merry as a marriage bell. The subsequent banquet proceedings showed the pride of the District and Grand Chapter at the birth of this "lusty youngster." The address of the Grand Z. was an inspiration and the Grand J. and the Grand Scribe E. were most apt in their remarks.

Lest it be considered a dereliction of duty on my part, permit me to mention, in conclusion, certain other pertinent facts, for instance:

(a) I suspect that three Examining Boards in the District, for 1927-1928, were exceedingly lenient in their official examination of the First Principals-elect of their respective Chapters. This has resulted in Z.'s who cannot work all the degrees.

(b) In most instances, the Scribes E. are capable and painstaking officers. But in at least two Chapters, I found it was not the custom for the Z. to verify the Minutes by his signature, after the same had been formally confirmed. True, these Minutes had been beautifully written out by the Scribe E. but this is not enough. It is unfair to the membership of these Chapters, even those who

are yet unborn, to pass on such unverified records, which constitute the history of their Chapter.

(c) I am concerned about the condition of the Books of Marks in the various Chapters. Lapses from grace in this regard appear to have been standard practice in the years gone by. I saw about two of such books that might be considered fairly satisfactory. And I saw three others that were not so good. In some other cases, the Scribe E. had left the said book "at home," and was more or less vague in describing its condition. And in one instance, it was frankly admitted that the Book had been lost years ago but that they had lately recovered it and were going to bring it into use again.

It appears to be the general opinion of the membership of this District that the New Ritual is a decided success and that the Royal Craft will be surely benefitted thereby. Peace and tranquility reigns throughout the various Chapters, and a healthy spirit of rivalry is in evidence at various places. I am inclined to regret that there is not more interchanging of fraternal visits between the various Chapters in the District as I am fully convinced of the great value of the same.

I have been the recipient of every courtesy throughout the length and breadth of this District. Permit me to again express my appreciation of having the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. W. P. EVERY,

Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.

Whitby, Ont.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District No. 11, but before doing so, I wish to express to the M. Ex., the Grand First Principal, my sincere appreciation of the honour which he conferred upon me, when he entrusted me with the duty and the privilege of representing him in this District for the current year. I wish also to assure him that in every Chapter that I visited, I found the Companions deeply interested in the "Work," and exhibiting a very commendable degree of perfection in their rendering of our beautiful ritual. The toast to the Grand Z. was everywhere received with the greatest enthusiasm, testifying to the warm place he occupies in the hearts of the Companions.

This District was signally honoured during the year, when the M. Ex., the Grand First Principal, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., visited us. The occasion was the dedication of the new Chapetr rooms recently provided by St. Mark's Chapter, of Trenton. The M. Ex. Companion was assisted by M. Ex. Comps. W. N. Ponton and R. H. Spencer, and the beautiful ceremony deeply impressed the large assembly of Companions, while the address delivered by M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan will long be remember by those of us who are privileged hear him.

Soon after my appointment, I communicated with all the Chapters in the District concerning the advisability of holding a Chapter of Instruction, and the large majority of them were of the opinion that as we were to have a new Ritual in the Autumn, that it would be unwise to hold a Chapter of Instruction during the first half of the year. After the new Ritual made its appearance in September I did not find it convenient to hold such a meeting, with

my assurance that the "Work" would be exemplified in such a manner as to be worth while. I therefore visited as many of my Chapters as convenient, and as far as circumstances would permit, made my visit one of instruction on the new Ritual. As far as I am able to judge, the Companions are agreed that the new Ritual is a decided improvement.

In order that the greatest benefit possible should be derived from my visit, I began visiting as early as possible, and before the summer vacation, I had visited half of my Chapters officially, and two others unofficially. Had it not been for a misunderstanding. I should have reached all but one of them before the recess.

In all the Chapters, I found the Scribe E. most efficient officers; the books are well kept; the minute books are models of neatness and contain full records of the proceedings; the Mark books are being well kept so far as the latter members are concerned, and where this important duty was neglected in the past, a determined effort is being made to complete the records; in every Chapter, I found the dues to be well in hand as a rule. In this connection, however, I found an odd case here and there of Companions who have "borne the heat and burden of the day" and in their declining years are finding it difficult to meet their financial obligations to their Chapters. It seems to me that the Chapters concerned are doing a fraternal and gracious thing, when they make such honorary members for the little time that remains to them, so that they may feel free to meet with their Companions, without the humiliation of knowing that they are in arrears.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

PRESQU'ISLE CHAPTER, No. 144, BRIGHTON.—Accompanied by the officers of my Mother Chapter, Quinte Friendship No. 227, I visited this Chapter on April 19th. This was the occasion of a return visit, the officers of Presqu'Isle having paid Quinte Friendship a fraternal visit when my predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Walters made his of-

ficial visit. At that visit they gave a very fine exemplification of the ritualistic work.

At this visit Ex. Comp. W. I. Cole and his officers conferred the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a manner that met with the hearty approval of the Brighton Companions. While the attendance of members was not large, those present were very enthusiastic, and a profitable evening was spent.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 31, PICTON.—I visited this Chapter on May 16th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Cole, Z., of Quinte Friendship, and Ex. Comp. V. H. Graves, H., of Moira Chapter. The work was the Mark Master Mason degree, and was done in an impressive manner by Ex. Comp. Smith and his able staff of officers. It was an especial pleasure to visit this Chapter this year, from the fact that Ex. Comp. Smith and myself are Public School Inspectors in these neighbouring counties of Prince Edward and Hastings. Among those present in addition to those named above, were R. Ex. Comps. J. H. Colden, R. E. Wright and E. C. Garbutt, Past Grand Superintendents of this District.

MADOC CHAPTER, NO. 161, MADOC.—My visit to this Chapter, on May 18th, is one of the outstanding nights of the year. The Madoc Companions made it "Ladies' Night," and held the banquet at 6.30 before the Chapter meeting. It is only just to say that this was one of the finest banquets that I have been privileged to attend. Over one hundred sat down to a sumptuous repast, and the presence of the Ladies gave it a tone that is so frequently missing in a Masonic gathering. During the evening, while the Companions were engaged in the business of the Chapter, the ladies of the Eastern Star took charge of the visiting ladies, and entertained them with cards, etc.

As was to be expected, the degree which was the Mark Master Mason was well done. This Chap-

ter is efficiently officered and is growing in numbers very rapidly, ten applications having been presented at this meeting. Financially, their position is enviable.

Among those present were R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hill, Past Grand Superintendent of the District; Ex. Comps. Solmes and Bell of Keystone Chapter; Ex. Comps. McElrath, Licence, and Graves, the three sitting Principals of Moira Chapter; Ex. Comps. Findlay and Barlow, the Second and Third Principals of Quinte Friendship Chapter; and a number of Past Principals of Madoc Chapter.

A very pleasant incident during the evening was the presentation to I.P.Z., Ex. Comp. Wm. T. Nugent, of a Past Z.'s jewel. The presentation was made by his father, Ex. Comp. W. H. Nugent, and R. Ex. Comp. Hill.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 72, STIRLING.—Accompanied by Ex. Comp. Cole, Ex. Comp. J. W. Kinnear and Comps. W. O. Adams and R. A. Backus, all of Quinte Friendship Chapter, I visited this Chapter on June 6th. About seventy-five Companions were present to witness the Mark Master Mason degree, which was put on in an excellent manner. As at all the Chapters, I was royally entertained, and on this as on all other occasions, I endeavoured to say something to the Companions of real value. It was an added pleasure here to renew the friendship of Ex. Comps. J. M. Potts and C. F. Walt, Past Grand Superintendents of this District.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, No. 44, NAPANEE.—I visited this Chapter on September 14th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Cole, and Comps. W. O. Adams, R. A. Backus and L. J. Reynolds, all of Quinte Friendship Chapter. There was no degree work ready, but I took the occasion to turn the meeting in a Chapter of Instruction on the new Ritual. The Companions were apparently well satisfied that profitable time had been spent.

Among those present, I was pleased to meet R. Ex. Comp. Hamell Deroche, Past Grand Superin-

tendent under the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and to receive from him the greeting of his Grand Chapter. Other distinguished Companions present were R. Ex. Comps. J. Fennell, and E. J. Walters, Past Grand Superintendents of this District.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, No. 26, TRENTON.—Accompanied by Ex. Comp. Cole, I visited this Chapter on November 15th. The attendance was rather small for so large a membership, but I was informed that counter attractions would explain this. Ex. Comp. C. Kinnear and his officers conferred the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch on six very promising candidates in a creditable manner. We expected good work in this Chapter with two such active Past Grand officers in regular attendance as M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer and R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Potts.

Before the degree work, the officers for 1928 were elected and from the harmony that prevailed, these Companions must be held in high esteem.

Before the meeting closed I addressed the Companions on a subject that is of particular interest to me, namely, the "Smbolism of Masonry" with particular reference to the Supreme degree of Royal Arch Masonry.

This Chapter is increasing rapidly in numbers and is to be complimented upon the excellent accommodations they now own, in conjunction with the Craft Lodge. The building with its appointments, is a credit to Trenton.

MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, BELLEVILLE.—I was present at every regular meeting of this Chapter during the year, unofficially, and visited them officially on December 6th. At this meeting there was not degree work, but having seen Ex. Comp. McElrath and his officers confer all of the degrees, I have great pleasure in saying that they have this year set a high standard of proficiency in this old Chapter, the oldest in our District and one of the oldest in the Grand Jurisdiction, dating back to 1856.

The work for the evening was the Installation of Officers, the Installing Officer being M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton. The M. Ex. Comp. was ably assisted by the Past Z.'s of the Chapter, and I was allowed to take a small part in the ceremony. Needless to say that the large assembly of Companions was delighted with the ceremony, that was so ably put on by the Installing Officer.

Among those present were: R. Ex. Comps. J. O. R. McCurdy and F. H. Chesher, Past Grand Superintendents of this District, and Ex. Comps. Cole and Barlow of Quinte Friendship, Ex. Comp. MacFarlane of New Liskeard; Ex. Comp. P. S. Ewing of Warkworth; Ex. Comps. Solmes and Bell of Stirling; Ex. Comps. E. T. Cherry, Wm. Thompson, W. C. Mikel, W. Cook, W. W. Anderson, C. B. Scantlebury and W. Harden of Moira Chapter.

This Chapter makes a great deal of "Special Nights." On May 3rd they held a "Hydro Night" when Brother, The Honourable Robert Cook, Hydro Commissioner, was present and gave a most interesting and instructive address on Hydro conditions generally with particular reference to conditions in this part of the Province. The tables were crowded with Companions both local and from a distance. Among the more distinguished Companions present were: M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, R. Ex. Comp. Every, Grand Superintendent of District No. 10, R. Ex. Comps. E. J. and C. A. Walters, and W. J. Hill, Past Grand Superintendents of this District, and a large number of Excellent Companions. Moira Chapter is numerically the strongest in the District by a large number, and is growing rapidly, while their financial position is of the best.

QUINTE FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 227, BELLEVILLE.—This is my Mother Chapter, the youngest in the District, having been instituted February 18th, 1921, and I had the honour and privilege of being the first candidate to receive the Mark Master Mason degree in this Chapter. I have therefore to

thank my Companions for a very rapid passage through the various offices, for I will not be seven years a Chapter member when I retire from the office of Grand Superintendent of the District. As was the case with Moira Chapter, I have been present at every meeting of this Chapter during the year, and made my official visit on December 13th. There was no degree work to-night, but I had already seen the officers of this Chapter confer all the degrees and they do it well. To-night the Installation of Officers was carried out with M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer as Installing Officer, a position he has occupied ever since the Chapter was organized. M. Ex. Comp. Spencer is a ritualist of great ability and the impressive ceremony was greatly appreciated by the assembled Companions.

Among those present in addition to M. Ex. Comp. Spencer were Ex. Comp. W. C. Boardman, of Stirling, and Ex. Comps. McElrath, Licence, Graves and Dillnutt, the I.P.Z., Z., H., and J. respectively of Moira Chapter; R. Ex. Comp. H. Chesher and several other local Past Z.'s.

In conclusion, let me thank my Companions who nominated me for this appointment, and those who so kindly accompanied me upon my visits to the several Chapters. I wish also to express my appreciation of the entertainment that was offered to me throughout the District, and my successor, whoever he may be, will find the Chapters in a healthy condition, and I bespeak for him the same generous and fraternal welcome that has been accorded to me. I could not wish him more.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. J. CLARKE,

Grand Supt. Prince Edward District, No. 11.

Belleville, Ont.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour and the delightful pleasure to submit herewith for your consideration, my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District. Just here, may I take the opportunity to express to the Companions and the Grand First Principal, my deepest appreciation and sincere thanks for the honour that has been conferred upon me.

Unfortunately an early start on my pleasant duties was impossible, as upon my immediate return from Ottawa, R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Davis gave strict orders that I must remain at home for about ten weeks accompanied with double pneumonia. Nevertheless, with this affliction, I will always recall 1927 as a year of the most pleasant recollections, glad hand-shakes and fond friendships.

My first privilege was to appoint Ex. Comp. E. C. Howard, as Secretary. He happens to be my chief clerk and not only accompanied me on each and every visit but gave me valuable assistance at all times. He will please accept my gratitude. My gratitude also goes out to all the Companions who accompanied me.

Upon all my visits, I was right royally received and entertained. No Chapter spared labour, time nor expense in striving to make myself and visitors happy at all times. What fond recollections, without a reflection, each and every visit will be. I extend fraternally greetings from the Grand Z., to each and every Chapter and the advent of the revised work gave me a splendid opportunity to elaborate on.

The condition of Capitular Masonry is quite satisfactory. The officers and Companions uphold the dignity and general uniformity in degree work was not a noticeable feature. There was very little or no room for criticism whatever. All degrees were conferred in an almost faultless manner—in

many cases the officers distinguished themselves. We have every reason to be optimistic over the future of this District.

My labours as the official representative are drawing to a close, yet the ties which bind us together in fraternal fellowship will never be broken. May we continue to "Light such a fire as by the Grace of God will never be put out."

May I bespeak for my successor the same hearty co-operation, the prevalence of the same cordial and splendid spirit and the same good will and fellowship that it has been my special privilege to enjoy.

ST. JOHN'S No. 112, MORRISBURG.—It was my pleasure to pay my first official visit to this Chapter on June 16th. A large number were present and the officers are to be commended for the very efficient manner in which the Royal Arch degree was performed. Ex. Comp. "Dad" Fink occupied the chair and gave an outstanding performance of ability. Dad's age was eighty some few years ago, and he gave the First Principal's work, and closing charge almost letter perfect. I have learned now what is meant by the expression—"You can't keep a good man down." His name has to be Fink. He is the oldest First Principal in the world.

All the officers, however, excelled themselves and the continued active interest of R. Ex. Comps. Marsh, Davy and Gorrell are a very valuable asset. R. Ex. Comp. Elliott and V. Ex. Comp. Scobie and other Companions of the Grenville Chapter were present and their presence was deeply appreciated. The District Secretary reported the books of the Scribe E. in very good condition.

SUSSEX, No. 59; ST. LAWRENCE, No. 100, BROCKVILLE.—At a joint Convocation of these Chapters, I made an official visit on October 6th. There was a splendid turn-out including Companions from sister Chapters to enjoy the Mark Master Mason degree, new work, so ably accomplished by the officers of each Chapter.

The Brockville Companions and the citizens in general have reason to be proud of such a magnificent Temple, and I would that King Solomon could grasp the master builders by the hand. The building itself is very strong evidence of the interest taken in Capitular Masonry. Both Chapters are blessed with Past Grand Chapter officers, who with many valuable and active Companions will make excellent progress in Capitular Masonry.

The books of both Scribes E. could hardly be improved upon, although Sussex Chapter are carrying a somewhat larger amount of outstanding dues than we should like to see. Doubtless this will be corrected early in 1928.

R. Ex. Comp. Wilkinson was recuperating from a recent severe illness and made a brief call to the Temple to "clasp the hand." His work in Capitular Masonry goes on forever and he regreted his inability to help on this occasion as much as the Companions present. I deeply appreciate his companionship.

GREENVILLE, No. 22, PRESCOTT.—This Chapter was visited on October 11th on which occasion the Royal Arch degree in the new work was exemplified. As the revised work had just recently been authorized, I was amazed at the outstanding performance of the officers. The Principal Sojourner's work was particularly commendable.

Grenville Chapter is indeed fortunate in possessing such a "tower of strength" in our good friends—R. Ex. Comps. Elliott and Fleming, and V. Ex. Comp. Scobie and others.

When "Freddie" Elliott, as he is familiarly known throughout the country, cannot take an active part in Capitular Masonry, he will discontinue making rough boxes and jump in one himself. We hope he will be long spared to carry on his excellent work. Ex. Comp. "Daddy" Fink and others from Morrisburg were present.

The District Secretary reported the books of the Scribe E. in excellent condition.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC AND CATARAQUI, No. 1, KINGSTON.—This Chapter was visited officially on October 21st, and I was greeted by a very large delegation. They possess a magnificent Temple and the Chapter Hall, in beauty and appointment, can hardly be excelled. A very beautiful pipe organ and choir loft graces this hall and it makes one of those delightful places where "one loves to dwell."

The Mark Master degree was conferred by the officers of Prince Wales Chapter, No. 226 Perth, and the new work was performed in such a manner as to leave nothing to be desired.

There was a large number of visitors from Perth and District Chapters and the evening was certainly enjoyed by all. First Principal Cole of Prince of Wales Chapter, gave an outstanding address—one of the most interesting—it has been my privilege to enjoy.

I was not in a position to witness any degree work by Chapter No. 1, on this occasion but on various others I had seen their good works and officials can visit the Chapter to learn, but never to criticize. The whole ceremony is very dignified—more so than is the case in many Chapters. Being a Military City of no mean importance, they do every thing on the square. We look for big things from Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter and are never disappointed. Ex. Comp. Moore is not only a very efficient First Principal, but also a splendid toastmaster. In fact, all the officers are outstanding in their ability. They are also very important in the social and business life of the city.

Comp. Graham as Scribe E. takes second place to none and keeps a very complete and informative set of books and records. This Chapter is fortunate indeed in having such a large number of real active Companions—none more active though than our

good friend R. Ex. Comp. "Billie" Mills. In Gananoque we say—Leeds has its factories, but Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter has its "Mills."

I could say a great deal regarding R. Ex. Comp. Mills but he is such a familiar figure at all Grand Convocations, every body knows "Billie" and further comment is unnecessary.

I would like to say here, that Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter has at all times given valuable assistance to the weaker Chapter "Leeds," and I, along with our total membership, very deeply appreciate the splendid spirit of Fraternalism which prevails.

COVENANT, NO. 113, CORNWALL.—An Emergent Convocation was called for the occasion of my official visit on November 23rd, on account of the Chapter having important engagement on the night designated for the regular Convocation. In spite of the fact that there were other doings on this particular evening there was a very goodly number present.

There were no candidates, therefore, I had not the privilege of witnessing degree work, but on former visits, I was impressed with all of the work of this Chapter.

Both young and old take a very active interest, and I believe this to be the first occasion, during the election of officers, where such a keen interest was taken, that most of the officers had more than one nomination and two or three ballots had to be taken in each case before final decision. This is indeed noteworthy. Past Principals who served many years ago were strongly in the running.

Comp. Ridley holds the distinction, I believe, of being the oldest active Scribe E. and he is still going strong. The manner in which his books are kept is particularly deserving of special mention. Scribes E. would do well to copy his example.

All the officers have assisted First Principal Bailey deservedly, and while no petitions were received during the year, there will be a different story for 1928. Three petitions are now on hand for January dealing.

LEEDS, No. 132, GANANOQUE.—Being Scribe E. of this Chapter, I attended all the Convocations, but visited the Chapter officially on January 4th at which time it was my pleasure to install the officers. Unfortunately 1927 was not a very prosperous year with this Chapter. However, they are holding their own, and the new officers are all enthusiastic, and we hope for bigger things during 1928.

One drawback, I believe, was that our Convocation generally fell on the night following the meeting of Leeds Lodge, and as some of our officers are also officers of Leeds Lodge, many found it impossible to attend particularly after a long session of the lodge. I recommended that this be corrected, and following proper procedure this Chapter will now convene on the first Thursday instead of Wednesday of the month as heretofore. There is no reason under the sun with such a splendid blue lodge that this Chapter should not be prosperous. I believe the success of every Chapter is very largely dependent upon degree work. This keeps the Companions actively interested.

Let us put this Chapter on the map next year, Companions, we can do it with smiles, and with all pulling together.

MAITLAND, No. 16, NORTH AUGUSTA.—I did not have the pleasure of visiting this Chapter, doubtless on account of its members being largely "Tillers of the Soil," and a convenient Convocation could not be arranged. However, it was my privilege to meet several of the Companions and their interest in Capitular Masonry is not lacking. In fact, they are most anxious to carry on. There is not another Chapter so situated, and the fact they had two petitions, speaks for itself.

I should like to have the Royal Arch degree exemplified by the sister Chapter at North Augusta during 1928. A large delegation can be assured from Brockville and Prescott and I shall deem it the highest pleasure to co-operate with my successor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Faithfully and Fraternally,

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Gananoque, Ont.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration some of the observations made during my official visits to the Chapters of Ottawa District, No. 13.

The outstanding Chapter event of the year, in this District, was the visit of the Most Ex., the Grand First Principal and the Grand Scribe E., who so kindly attended at the institution of a new Chapter, named Dochert at Arnprior, on the afternoon of October 12th, and in the evening at a District meeting of the officers of the Ottawa District, held in Maple Chapter at Carleton Place, on the same date.

The memories of the gracious courtesies extended and the instruction and pleasure given by our Grand Chapter officers, will long remain with the Companions who were fortunate enough to have attended those functions.

The books of the Scribes E. of the various Chapters were examined and found to be in excellent order. To these efficient officers much of the success of their Chapter is justly due.

My first official act was to appoint Ex. Comp. H. E. Sinclair as District Secretary. He has rendered invaluable assistance and with Ex. Comp. F. C. McDiarmid, of Maple Chapter, has accompanied me upon most of my official visits.

All the Chapters in the District have been visited, some of them quite often. Taken as a whole, the Ritualistic work was well portrayed, showing application and attention by those taking part in the exemplification of the various degrees. When the work of some particular Chapter was not considered up to standard, the Principals and Past Principals would be later gathered together and attention would be drawn to the noted defects, care being taken to point out to them that a drifting

Chapter like a drifting ship never arrives at port. A Chapter, like a ship, must be steered and must have competent helmsmen to perform that duty. During the visits of inspection particular attention was given to uniformity, particularly in the manner in which the Work was shared and in the establishing of the principle that where a Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree it must *finally* close in that degree. Should my year of office have brought forth no other fruit than this uniformity I would be content.

My official visits were as follows:

GRANITE CHAPTER, No. 61, ALMONTE.—My first official visit was made to this, our neighboring Chapter on April 14th. Being introduced by Ex. Comp. M. R. MacFarlane, we were very cordially received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. G. L. Comba, and members of Granite Chapter.

The Z., being Mayor of the Town, and a very busy citizen, asked V. Ex. Comp. N. Washburn to confer the degree of Mark Master Mason on the candidate in waiting. The degree was carried out in a very creditable manner and too much praise cannot be given to V. Ex. Comp. Washburn for his continued interest in the work of Granite Chapter.

The work of the Principal Sojourner, Comp. D. Campbell, is worthy of special mention. The practice here of opening and closing in the Royal Arch degree, and then opening up and conferring the Mark Master Mason degree, and finally closing in this degree, was new to me, and to my mind not as it should have been. The Grand Scribe E. later stating that a Royal Arch Chapter having opened in the Royal Arch degree must be finally closed in that degree. Chapters not acting in conformity with this rule were notified and along with Granite Chapter will cheerfully conform in the future.

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, No. 226, PERTH.—Accompanied by a large number of Companions of St. Francis and Maple Chapters, I visited this

Chapter on the 25th of April. We were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. F. C. Avery and most cordially received by Ex. Comp. C. M. Forbes and Companions of this Chapter.

After having been ballotted for and accepted, two candidates were given the degree of Mark Master Mason, the work being performed in a very impressive manner by the First Principal, ably assisted by the Third Principal, Rev. Dr. Bedford-Jones. The finances of the Chapter, under the supervision of Comp. J. E. DeHertel, Treasurer, are in a most healthy condition, in fact this evening I had the pleasure of burning all notes of indebtedness, so that this, one of the youngest Chapters of this District now stands clear of all incumbrance.

Under the direction of the genial and able First Principal this Chapter can be counted upon to render a good account of itself. A pleasant and profitable change was made in a "Fourth degree" when the Companions sat down to dinner at six-thirty, adjourning to the Chapter room at eight o'clock.

Again the method of opening and closing in the Royal Arch, then opening and proceeding with other degrees was noted, but since this was drawn to the attention of the officers of the Chapter, I have been assured that the instruction given will be more strictly adhered to in the future.

ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, No. 113, SMITH FALLS.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Dr. D. H. McIntosh and over twenty members of Maple Chapter, along with visitors from Granite, I visited this Chapter on April 29th. Introduced by R. Ex. Comp. H. W. Auger and V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Wilson, we were warmly received by the Ex. First Principal, A. L. Lang, and members of the Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Past Z.'s. This is an annual event which takes place on the anniversary of the formation of the Chapter. Over a dozen Past Z.'s attended, and the work was performed in a most pleasing and efficient manner, the position of

Z.H.J. being taken by Ex. Comp. R. Hawkins, P.Z.; R. Ex. Comp. H. W. Aunger, P.G.S.; and Ex. Comp. A. Boucher, P.Z. The work of the acting P.S., Ex. Comp. W. A. Graham, could not help but call forth favourable comment, while the Mystical lecture as exemplified by Ex. Comp. John A. Gardiner was a thing of beauty and a joy to behold.

Again as in Chapters formerly visited, I felt called upon to point out the lack of uniformity caused by opening and closing the Royal Arch and then opening in the Mark Master Mason or the Most Excellent Mason degree. The suggestion was taken kindly and I was assured that at further regular Convocations where the Chapter opened in the Royal Arch it would finally close in this degree.

R. Ex. Comp. O. H. McIntosh closed the visit with an interesting address relating to the association of Maple and St. Francis Chapters. Taken as a whole one cannot help but feel that a real future awaits this progressive Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry.

BONNECHERE CHAPTER, No. 114, RENFREW.—In Company with Ex. Comp. First Principals Comba and McDiarmid, of Granite and Maple Chapters, and several other Companions of these Chapters, we visited here on May 16th, where we were well and cordially received by the Z., Ex. Comp. D. Stone, and the officers and members of the Chapter.

The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified in a very dignified manner, the team work of the regular officers reflecting great credit on the supervising ability of the First Principal, who along with the Scribe E. and the Principal Sojourner showed a mastery of detail which speaks well for the future of this Chapter.

The Mystical lecture as given by V. Ex. Comp. Cox, was a treat and well worthy of mention. The questions asked of the Grand Superintendent, by Ex. Comp. Coolican, contributed much to the general interest of the evening.

As in the visits of previous Chapters, the error of opening and closing in the Royal Arch and then proceeding with other work was pointed out and will not, I am sure occur in the future. No major criticism other than this was found necessary.

KITCHENER CHAPTER, NO. 210, RUSSELL.—This Chapter was visited on Friday, June 3rd, in company with R. Ex. Comp. John Gray, Past Grand Superintendent. The Chapter was quite late in starting owing to the busy season and the fact that several of the officers lived some miles distant. However the time was taken up in examining the books of the Scribe E., Ex. Comp. A. Walker. All were found to be in good order and a credit to the Chapter. On finally opening, the degree of the Royal Arch was conferred by Ex. First Principal, E. Lasalle. The quiet assurance of the Z. in the conferring of the degree, backed by the almost perfect workmanship of the Principal Sojourner Comp. George Young, helped to make the proceedings of the degree very pleasant to listen to, and could not have failed to make a deep impression upon the minds of the candidates. Ex. Comps. Porterfield and Sinclair who accompanied me, sincerely complimented the officers upon the work shown.

On October 12th, a new Chapter named Dochert was instituted at Arnprior under the able leadership of Ex. Comp. A. McLaren as Z., and Comp. H. Newham as the energetic Scribe E.

The Grand First Principal, Kenneth J. Dunstan, and the Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith, graced the occasion and took part in the ceremony. Since the institution this new Chapter has put through nineteen candidates, all of whom have received their three degrees, in addition to the Charter members, while twelve applications are on file for the new year. While we were assisted by representatives of almost every Chapter in the District, especial thanks for assistance are due to the Companions of Granite and Maple Chapters.

Accompanied by the District Secretary and Ex. Comp. McFadden I paid my official visit to Dochert Chapter on January 2nd, 1928. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by the first Principal, Ex. Comp. A. McLaren and Comps. Dr. Jameson, J. A. Ferguson, A. Newham, J. N. Hodecker, W. J. Cardiff, J. Hart, F. A. Weldon and Dr. D. J. McKerracher, after the manner of veterans, and I have no hesitation whatever in recommending that at the next regular Convocation of Grand Chapter a Warrant be granted to this Chapter.

LAURENTIAN CHAPTER, No. 151, PEMBROKE.—This Chapter was visited on October 20th. Owing to removal, etc., some of the Principal Offices had to be filled with Past Principals and the Z., Ex. Comp. W. C. Fraser, is most fortunate indeed to have the excellent support of Ex. Comps. L. H. Logan, R. C. McCormick, C. A. Bailey, Dr. Josephs and other Excellent Companions.

The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified and all officers did their utmost to make the degree one of interest to the candidates.

A pleasant event of the evening was the presentation of a Past Principal's Jewel to Ex. Comp. A. M. Acheson. Regret was expressed that fate had called the Ex. Companion to reside in the City of Ottawa, but the hope was expressed that he would continue his activities with the Ottawa Chapters.

GLENGARRY CHAPTER, No. 143, MAXVILLE.—On Friday, October 20th, I visited this Chapter and was delighted with the warmth of the reception accorded me by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. R. A. Stewart, and the Companions of this Chapter.

There being no candidates ready, the Royal Arch degree was opened for my inspection. Questions were asked and responded to, and the changes in the Ritual were in a general way explained to those present. I came away feeling that there is still a future ahead of Glengarry Chapter, and cannot praise too highly the spirit of true Companionship

exhibited in the Chapter room and in the recreation room adjoining.

MAPLE CHAPTER, No. 116, CARLETON PLACE.—The official visit to this, my Mother Chapter, was made on November 2nd. In the absence of the First Principal, the degree of Most Excellent Master was conferred upon four candidates, by Ex. Comp. A. McFadden. The work was put on according to new Ritual and too much praise cannot be given to the acting Z. for memorizing this degree. Maple Chapter has admitted more new members than for some time past, and under the watchful eyes of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. D. H. McIntosh and Ex. Comp. H. E. Menzies steady improvement may be looked for.

CARLETON CHAPTER, No. 16, OTTAWA.—The official visit was made to this, the Senior Chapter of the Ottawa District, on the evening of November 16th. We were happily presented by R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Scott and most cordially received by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. Eastwood. The work of the evening, conferring the Mark Master Mason degree upon two candidates was shown under the new Ritual and too much credit cannot be given to the Z., for his effort in this degree.

In a Chapter which numbers so many Past Grand Superintendents, one expected to find thorough attention paid to detail, etc., and in this we were not disappointed. Without doubt the zeal of the immediate Grand Superintendent, R. Ex. Comp. John Gray has much to do with the efficiency shown in this the oldest Chapter in the District.

OTTAWA CHAPTER, No. 222, OTTAWA.—On Monday, November 21st, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. R. S. Simpson, V. Ex. Comp. Stewart Witten and others, I paid my official visit to this Chapter and was received in a very friendly manner by Ex. Comp. First Principal L. Sherwood.

Having visited this Chapter on more than one occasion I felt myself no stranger among them. The

First Principal is most fortunate in having so many Past Z.'s who are willing to assist him. The work of Ex. Comps. McCleery, McKee and Eastman being of a high order. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was put on for my inspection and no criticism was to be found with the work.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 148, VANKLEEK HILL.
—This Chapter was visited on December 2nd, and a most delightful evening spent with the Companions there. The Ex. First Principal W. R. Hall conferred upon two candidates the degree of Most Excellent Master in a very creditable manner. The outstanding feature of the evening was the portraying of various parts of the ceremony by Ex. Comp. A. D. McRae who maintains a very keen interest in Royal Arch Masonry. The equipment, etc., of this Chapter brought from Ireland in 1847, is indeed most interesting to view.

I have omitted in connection with my report of the various Chapters, any mention of banquets in order that I may make my report as brief as possible in accordance with the wishes of Grand Chapter. I would like to say, however, that I appreciated all these courtesies extended to me. I will long remember the many pleasant associations, the wholehearted unanimous support, the genuine regard and the loyalty shown me, which made it possible for me to perform my duties in a manner such as I could not have done, but for this continued help and support.

I wish to thank the Companions for the honour conferred upon me and I trust that they will spread the broad mantle of Masonic Charity, over any of my short comings.

The year has been one of inspiration to me and I hope that it has been one of profit to the District that I have been privileged to serve.

Fraternally submitted,

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Carleton Place, Ont.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14, for the year 1927.

First permit me to express to the Companions my sincere appreciation and thanks for the honour they conferred in submitting my name to the Grand First Principal for the high office of Grand Superintendent. My term of office has proved one of pleasure and profit to me, and I trust of some material benefit to the Companions. I am pleased to report that perfect harmony exists throughout the whole District and the work exemplified by the Chapters is of a uniform high order. While the officers of the various Chapters leave nothing to be desired, and I have great faith for the future of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14.

FORT WILLIAM CHAPTER, No. 140, FORT WILLIAM.—On Friday, May 6th., accompanied by Ex. Comp. A. C. Wood, Ex. Comp. H. Stanworth and a number of the Companions of Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, I paid my first official visit to the Chapter. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. C. A. Watkins and Ex. Comp. J. Bell and received a very cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. T. Love, officers and Companions of the Chapter. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in a most dignified manner, all the officers having the work pretty nearly perfect. After the work of the evening had been completed, we repaired to the banquet hall where a most delightful social hour was spent in music, speeches, and songs. I have visited this Chapter on four or five other occasions, during the year, and have always found the business of the Chapter, and also the degree work excellent.

ALBERTON CHAPTER, No. 152, FORT FRANCIS
AND ATWOOD CHAPTER, No. 149, RAINY RIVER. — I

paid my official visit to Fort Francis on June 14th, at a joint Convocation of the above Chapters, which was largely attended, and proved a very successful evening. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Coles, of Fort William Chapter, No. 140. I was introduced to the Chapters by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Clarke of Alberton Chapter, No. 152, and R. Ex. Comp. Mark Barrett, of Atwood Chapter, No. 149, and received a hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. F. Morrison and the Companions present. The Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred by the officers of Alberton Chapter in a most exemplary manner leaving nothing to be desired. Immediately following the work of the evening an adjournment was made to the banquet hall where a social hour was spent bringing to a close a delightful and happy Convocation.

GOLDEN CHAPTER, No. 90, KENORA.—My official visit was made to this Chapter on Friday, August 19th. After being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. W. Whitaker and V. Ex. Comp. H. S. Galloway I received a very courteous and hearty reception from Ex. Comp. E. Diamond, and the Companions. The Mark Master degree was conferred in a most excellent manner, leaving I have no doubt a deep impression on the candidates. After transacting the business of the evening an enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet hall where the speeches and songs were enjoyed to the fullest measure, bringing to a close a happy and instructive evening. Before leaving the hall I was informed by Ex. Comp. E. Diamond and several of the Companions that they had a motor launch trip arranged for the following morning for my benefit which I accepted with pleasure. The day proved ideal, and we had a delightful sail around the Lakes of the Woods, taking lunch on one of the islands. To the Excellent Companions responsible for this enjoyable trip I extend my warmest thanks for the gracious way they catered for my entertainment.

SHUNIAH CHAPTER, No. 82, PORT ARTHUR.—I paid my official visit to this, my Mother Chapter, on Wednesday, October 19th. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Morgan and R. Ex. Comp. A. M. Frank and was most graciously received by Ex. Comp. A. C. Wood and the Companions, although no degree work was conferred the regular business of the Chapter was conducted in a manner that left nothing to be desired. The work of the evening being ended, an adjournment was made to the banquet hall where a very pleasant social hour was spent. I have attended all the meetings of Shuniah Chapter, throughout the year, and the degree work has been of a high standard at all times, with the officers taking keen interest in their work. I also had the honour of installing the officers of Shuniah Chapter for the year 1928, at the regular meeting in December being assisted by the Past Grand Superintendents and Past Z.'s of the Chapter.

The Scribes E. and Treasurers throughout the District are to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which their books are kept. In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. for counsel and advice, also Past Grand Superintendents and other Ex. Companions for assistance given on various occasions, all of which have helped to make my year of office full of pleasant and lasting memories.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

EDMUND COCKER,

Grand Supt. Algoma District, No. 14.

Port Arthur, Ont.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 15.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

As Grand Superintendent of New Ontario District, No. 15, I appreciate the honour of submitting my official report covering my duties during my tenure of office of 1927.

First of all, please allow me to express my sincere appreciation, formally, as I have already done in person, to the Chapters of this District, of the signal honour conferred upon me in electing me to this important and exalted position, an honour I esteem very highly, and I trust my efforts and labours put forth in the cause of Capitular Masonry, especially in the District will reveal my appreciation.

New Ontario District received the honour of having the M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, Grand Z. of our Grand Chapter, visited three of the four Chapters in its jurisdiction during my term of office. He was accompanied in all his journeyings by his able and efficient right-hand helper, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. I had the pleasure of accompanying them through the District and my close association with these two Excellent Companions will always "Impress upon my mind and instil into my heart" the sincere and lovable qualities of them both. They have been untiring in industry, unflagging in enthusiasm and unsparing in attention to duty. Their welcome visits to each of our Chapters, their personal interest in the problems peculiar to each locality, and their impressive addresses to the Companions have kindled new enthusiasm, awakened new courage and inspired new hope. We are the richer for their devoted service.

And might I here extend my congratulations to Most Excellent Comp. Dunstan, Grand First Principal, as Chairman and his Committee on the new Ritualistic work. Its phraseology has been simpli-

fied by a continuation in the same language of the work already received and by a consolidation of different phrases expressing the same thought. Its continuity has been maintained and amplified and the work is so self-explanatory that it is being received with approbation throughout the jurisdiction and almost every constituent Chapter is now using it.

I would also like to express my appreciation of R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, our ever-vigilant and courteous Grand Scribe E., who was unfailing in his kindly advice and counsel and contributed to a great extent in the elimination of the worries of the office of Grand Superintendent.

Also I wish to commend the work of the Scribes E. of the various Chapters in the performance of their duties. They are all indefatigable workers in the welfare of the Chapters and each having occupied this office for some time is well skilled and keeps his records in splendid order.

Having visited the Sault and Sudbury on many different occasions I can bear witness to the high standard of excellence which the officers of these Chapters attain, and the interest taken in the work by the Past Principals is highly commendable and gratifying to the sitting officers. In my visits the records were open for my inspection and I am pleased to report a general improvement in the records of the Mark Book and a genuine effort on the part of the Scribe E. to lighten the labours of the Grand Scribe E.

As no doubt the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal will present to the Grand Chapter a report of his reception throughout New Ontario District and appreciating the fact that the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry has many lengthy reports to pass upon, I believe it would be superfluous on my part to describe our journey except to add that their welcome was sincere and enthusiastic and a great inspiration to the Chapters in the North Country.

PEMBROKE CHAPTER, No. 58, MATTAWA,—The oldest Chapter in the District and the Mother Chapter of many Companions who are actively engaged in Masonic work in Northern Ontario, is at present having a hard struggle. Of a total membership of forty-eight their resident members are four and life members twenty-three, and on account of the lumber activities having been transferred further north and their jurisdiction curtailed by the constitution of Chapter just across the border, the faithful few are carrying on under difficulties. They have a beautiful Chapter room, fine equipment, and their finances are in good shape and I trust that they will be continued along as at present in the hope for better days to come. I have had two or three conferences with the resident officers and the new First Principal of St. John's Chapter at North Bay has volunteered in the spring when the roads are good to take the officers down and exemplify the work.

TUSCAN CHAPTER, No. 95, SUDBURY.—I visited this Chapter on September 20th, 1927, and although no work was exemplified yet this active Chapter gave us a wonderful evening. M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan gave a general outline of the new "Work" and inspiring addresses were delivered by both himself and the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. We were each presented with a cigar ash tray, made of the celebrated Mond Nickel as a souvenir of our visit to Sudbury. The Chapter has a bright future and the affairs have been capably administered in the hands of Ex. Comp. W. J. Warwick, the First Principal, and V. Ex. Comp. James A. Orr, its Scribe E.

ALGONQUIN CHAPTER, No. 102, SAULT STE. MARIE.—I visited this Chapter, September 19th, 1927, officially, and it is in the hands of very capable and enthusiastic officers. I have visited both in the Sault and Sudbury so many times fraternally and know their activities so well that I can only

repeat that our welcome was spontaneous and most cordial. At a splendid banquet in the evening, after a day of entertainment, both M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan and R. Ex. Comp. Smith held the undivided attention of the Companions with their eloquent addresses.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 103, NORTH BAY.—This is my Mother Chapter and I have been present at every meeting this year. They have had a loyal and enthusiastic set of officers during the term and the new officers taking hold for the coming year are imbued with the spirit of Capitular Masonry. I was extended the signal honour of installing and investing them. St. John's has had a wonderful year socially and fraternally and although my official visit took place in company with M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan and R. Ex. Comp. Smith on September 21st, 1927, I can say the type of work exemplified throughout the year was of the highest order.

On April 14th, 1927, the annual Past First Principals' Night was held with about twenty of the old guard taking part and a most enjoyable and interesting evening was concluded with the presentation of the Past Z.'s jewels to four Past First Principals.

On May 11th, 1927, a special "Traffic Night" was held when Bro. J. O. McKerrow, General Traffic Manager of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company, received his Mark degree. There was a large gathering of members of the Craft from Montreal on the east, to Detroit on the west; from Toronto, Belleville and Lindsay on the south; to Cochrane on the north and included R. Ex. Comps. Thos. Cochrane, Joe Hickson, Frank Ebbitt and well-known Companions engaged in Traffic. Companions R. H. Fish, Jasper Humphrey, Dan McMillan, Jim McPherson, Tom Cook, and many others while letters or messages of regret were received from M. Ex. K. J. Dunstan, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, M. Ex. Comp. Benj. J. Henderson, Past Grand Master of Michigan, and many other Past Superinten-

dents and Companions. About 150 sat down to a sumptuous banquet and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On September 21st, 1927, the Chapter received M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan, R. Ex. Comp. Smith and myself. Although it rained considerably during the day we were delightfully entertained at both golf and bridge, the Grand Z. proving that in both games he was an adept player, and in the evening at the reception both the Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E. delivered short addresses. At a subsequent banquet, held in the Pacific Hotel, presided over by Ex. Comp. H. Freeman, the First Principal, addresses were also delivered by the Grand Chapter officers.

In conclusion I would like again to express my appreciation and assure the Companions of this District that I will always look back upon my visits to their Chapters with a great deal of pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

B. F. NOTT,

Grand Supt. New Ontario District, No. 15.
North Bay, Ont.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT, No 16.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Temiskaming District Number 16 for the year 1927.

I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the honour conferred upon me by the Companions of my District in electing me to this high position, and for the many acts of good-fellowship and co-operation which they have extended to me on my visits to the various Chapters of this District. I had the pleasure of visiting each of the Chapters in my District, and I can assure the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter, that I found that the true spirit of Capitular Masonry was appreciated and practised, and the ritualistic ceremonies exceptionally well performed.

My District had the honour of an official visit from the M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, Grand Z., accompanied by the R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scrbe E. This visit was made in September, and was a grand start for the fall work. I took the opportunity of accompanying the M. Ex. the Grand Z., and the Grand Scribe E., on their visits to the various Chapters. Splendid receptions were held, and the meetings afforded the M. Ex. the Grand Z., the opportunity of accomplishing the desire which he had expressed to meet the Companions personally for the purpose of better acquaintance and personal friendship.

At each reception the M. Ex. the Grand Z. gave inspiring addresses both on Masonry and patriotism, taking the opportunity of reminding us of Confederation year, and of the achievement that had been made within the last sixty years, and made special reference to this part of New Ontario, which is generally acknowledged to be the richest in

potential mineral, agricultural, forest and water power wealth in the Dominion.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. expressed himself as greatly impressed with the wonderful possibilities and opportunities here for expansion in all lines of national welfare, and with the wide field for the development and progress for the true principles of Royal Arch Masonry.

TEMISKAMING CHAPTER, No. 169, NEW LISKEARD.—This is the Mother Chapter of this District. On the occasion of the official visit of the M. Ex. the Grand Z., and at his request, the reception to him took the form of a joint meeting with Cobalt Chapter, No. 203. The meeting was held on the 22nd of September, 1927, at the beautiful Masonic Temple in the Town of Haileybury—that town being midway between New Liskeard and Cobalt. No work was put on, but the meeting took the form of a banquet, at which the M. Ex. the Grand Z. delivered his personal message to the Companions in the simple and graceful language for which he is noted. The Grand Scribe E., in his usual effective manner, also contributed a very practical and instructive address. A large number of Companions were in attendance from Gowganda, South Lorrain, and Kirkland Lake, having travelled distances of eighty miles and more to reach the place of meeting. A very pleasant part of the evening's proceedings was the presentation of a specially prepared sample of silver to M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, by Ex. Comp. Angus Campbell of Gowganda, who "presented his work" in such an able manner that the M. Ex. the Grand Z. was "unable to reject it." The toasts were taken care of by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, Ex. Comp. Judge G. H. Hayward and Ex. Comp. Major James McMillan in a very happy manner.

My official visit to Temiskaming Chapter took place on the 4th of January, 1928. There was a large attendance in the afternoon when the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees were

very efficiently conferred according to the new Ritual, after which a banquet was held at which addresses were given by myself and R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel. The greetings of Cobalt Chapter were conveyed by Ex. Comp. N. J. McAulay, and responded to by Ex. Comps. Murdoch McLeod and H. W. Sutcliffe. After the banquet the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. John Bews on fourteen candidates in his usual efficient and dignified manner. The work done by all the officers was excellent, and conveyed a most satisfactory impression.

COBALT CHAPTER, No. 203, COBALT.—The joint meeting of Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, and Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, on the 22nd of September at Haileybury has already been referred to. Ex. Comp. Howard Hawley, Principal Z. of Cobalt Chapter, and Ex. Comp. John Bews, Principal Z. of Temiskaming Chapter, and their officers are to be specially commended upon the splendid manner in which the reception to the M. Ex. the Grand Z. was arranged for and carried out.

I also had the opportunity of visiting Cobalt Chapter at its annual At Home in October, which took the form of an open meeting with ladies in attendance. There was a splendid programme and banquet, which was heartily enjoyed and contributed greatly to the development of the social and fraternal good will for which this Chapter and its officers are noted.

I paid my official visit to Cobalt Chapter on the 29th day of November, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred on several candidates by Ex. Comp. Howard Hawley in a most proficient and impressive manner. Special mention should also be made of the able and dignified manner in which the Mystical lecture was given by Ex. Comp. N. J. McAulay, and the Symbolical lecture by Ex. Comp. K. McKay. I was accompanied on my official visit by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, who also addressed the meeting.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER, No. 213, TIMMINS. The M. Ex. the Grand Z. paid his official visit to this Chapter on Saturday, September 24th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Scribe E. and R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel and myself; also by Ex. Comps. T. Mills and F. E. Bell of Abitibi Chapter, with whom we motored over from Iroquois Falls through the kindness of Ex. Comp. F. E. Bell. The Chapter was opened with Ex. Comp. C. P. Ramsay in the chair, and the M. Ex. the Grand Z. received with grand honours. A very lucid explanation of the new ritual was given by M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, supplemented by explanatory remarks on the floor work by R. Ex. Grand Scribe E., after which a banquet was held and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

R. Ex. Comp. George C. Murphy, Past Grand Superintendent, in very appropriate and suitable words, presented a mounted specimen of gold ore to M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, to which was added fraternal greetings by Ex. Comp. C. G. Williams, Ex. Comps. C. G. Kemsely, A. Gillies, and V. Ex. Comp. H. G. Laidlaw.

M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan again demonstrated his wonderful gifts of oratory in his splendid address to the Companions, and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith also showed his versatility. R. Ex. Comp. Robert Le Heup was present and gave a splendid address on the practical application of the principles of Royal Arch Masonry. I had counted on making my official visit to this Chapter on the 21st of December, but a meeting for this date could not be arranged.

ABITIBI CHAPTER, No. 223, IROQUOIS FALLS.—The M. Ex. the Grand Z. paid his official visit to this thriving Chapter on Thursday, the 23rd of September, accompanied by R. Ex. Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel and myself. There were also present Ex. Comps. E. M. Hobson and D. W. Cameron, Comp. H. E. McGill and Comp. S. W. Powers and Comp. J. S. McKay of Cochrane Chapter, No. 244.

The Chapter was opened with Ex. Comp. H. J. C. Chapman in the chair. The M. Ex. the Grand Z. was received with grand honours. No work was put on, but a thorough explanation of the new Ritual was given by Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, after which a banquet was held, and a most enjoyable programme carried out. The toast to the Grand Chapter was ably proposed by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel. The M. Ex. the Grand Z. in reply contributed one of his most graphic and inspiring addresses.

R. Ex. Comp. Frank Ebbitt presented a gold Yale Key to the M. Ex. the Grand Z. in very felicitous terms. Ex. Comp. James Spence in a similar manner presented a pair of Pullman Slippers to R. Ex. Grand Scribe E., and a very pleasant evening was closed by a very happy speech from Comp. Alex. Dewar.

My official visit to Abitibi Chapter was made on the 20th of December, when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred. This degree was conferred according to the new Ritual, each of the officers having made themselves thoroughly familiar with the new portions of the ceremonies. Their work was a practical demonstration of the excellence of the new Ritual.

After the close of the Chapter we adjourned to the banquet room where a sumptuous repast was served, and your Grand Superintendent was made the recipient of a jewel presented by Ex. Comp. Frank Ebbitt, P.G. Superintendent, in his well-known genial and graceful manner.

COCHRANE CHAPTER, No. 244, COCHRANE.—My official visit to this Chapter was made on the 19th of December. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel.

Ex. Comp. E. M. Hobson was in the chair, and I was given a most cordial reception as your representative, following which the officers were installed, and after the installation ceremony addresses were given by myself and R. Ex. Comp. C.

W. Haentschel, who dwelt impressively upon leadership and loyalty. This Chapter is fortunate in having a set of most energetic officers who are full of enthusiasm for the work, and the meeting will be long remembered for its spirit of harmony and good-fellowship. Ex. Comp. H. E. McGill, Principal Z., is devoted to the work, and with such officers as Ex. Comps. Smith, Powers, Lowther, and Past Principals Ex. Comps. R. E. Reid, D. W. Cameron and E. M. Hobson, the Chapter is in excellent hands and will continue to prosper.

In concluding this report I must say that Royal Arch Masonry in this District was never in a more favourable or flourishing condition. The impetus which it received from the visit of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and the R. Ex. the Grand Scribe E., will carry it far, and we can confidently look forward to this part of New Ontario contributing mightily to the cause of Royal Arch Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK L. SMILEY,

Grand Supt. Temiskaming District, No. 16.

New Liskeard, Ont.

YUKON TERRITORY.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Yukon Territory, for the year 1927.

The financial position of the Chapter remains about the same as last year, the membership is the same, but for the coming year we look forward to a very busy one in this Chapter, as several have expressed their desire to take the several degrees and become members of this Chapter.

The Chapter has held four Regular and two Emergent Convocations during the year, whereas

have to forgo the pleasure of being present. Hopes to be present at some future Annual Convocation.

M. Ex. Comp. Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. Regrets he is unable to be with us this year.

From Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia,—“Our Grand High Priest and myself unable to be present. Trusting you will have a most delightful and constructive Convocation.”

The Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan,—“The Grand First Principal and myself would have liked to be present knowing how interesting the Grand Chapter of Canada’s Convocations are, but owing to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan taking place on the 29th of February, we are unable to be with you.” Extends fraternal greetings.

From the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Sorry their Grand Chapter will not be represented. Wishing the Grand Chapter of Canada every success.

The Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, regrets his Grand Chapter will not be represented, but sincerely trusts we will have a splendid Annual Convocation, and that all our endeavours will be crowned with success.

R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Richan, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of Maine. Regrets unable to be present. Extends his fraternal and cordial greetings.

Our Grand Representative, R. Ex. Comp. William Noble, near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, says he will be with us in spirit, and he hopes and believes we will have a successful Annual Convocation.

R. Ex. Comp. Samuel Shaw, brother of our late M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, sends his felicitations for the success of Capitular Masonry in Ontario.

R. Ex. Comp. John Kerr Brydon, Grand Repre-

sentative, near the Grand Chapter of Canada for the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Owing to age cannot travel during winter months. Regrets unable to be present.

R. Ex. Comp. Frank Ebbitt, Grand Representative, near the Grand Chapter of Canada for the Grand Chapter of Maryland. Regrets he will be unable to attend Annual Convocation.

V. Ex. Comp. Rev. F. W. Colloton, Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Senior Sojourner. Greatly disappointed that he finds he is unable to be present.

The Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, sends following telegram:—

“The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of Wisconsin, assembled in Annual Convocation sends its felicitations and fraternal greetings to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, with best wishes for a successful and pleasurable Convocation.”

Comp. Dr. A. C. Bennett, of Toronto, writes:—

“Please convey to Grand Chapter the appreciation of my mother and myself for the kindness extended to my father, (the late R. Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett), in his long illness. I am sure that the sympathy on the part of his Companions did much to brighten the long days, during which he was condemned to silence.”

Mrs. R. H. Spencer writes and says, that her husband (M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer), owing to illness, will not be present this year at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

A letter was received from the Scribe E. of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, G.R.C., as well as a telegram from the Mayor of Kingston inviting Grand Chapter to hold its Annual Convocation in Kingston in February, 1929.

Letters were also received from the Mayor of Toronto, The Board of Trade, etc., as to holding the next Annual Convocation in Toronto.

FRATERNAL AND PERSONAL GREETINGS

On motion of M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, that telegraph messages of fraternal and personal greetings, signed by the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E., be sent to M. Ex. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, E. T. Malone, Sir John M. Gibson and R. H. Spencer.

The messages sent were:—

F. W. Harcourt, Atlantic City:

“Heartiest fraternal and personal greetings from members of Grand Chapter and guests. Best wishes for your health and happiness. Be of good cheer.”

E. T. Malone, Toronto:

“Grand Chapter sends hearty fraternal greetings.”

Sir John M. Gibson, Hamilton:

“Hearty fraternal greetings and good wishes from Grand Chapter of Canada to our Grand Old Man and fraternal friend.”

R. H. Spencer, Toronto:

“Members of Grand Chapter and guests unite in hearty and fraternal greetings with best wishes and earnest hopes for early and complete restoration to health and strength.”

SCRUTINEERS OF BALLOT

The Grand Z. appointed the following Scrutineers of the Ballot, who were duly sworn in by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore:—R. Ex. Comps. W. J. Wadsworth, Chairman; B. Cairns, W. J. Armstrong; Ex. Comps. William Hughes, D. H. Cowling, R. H. Jamieson, C. H. Burgess, A. Fletcher, A. Art. Gray, R. V. Conover, T. W. Fereday, J. L. Mackle, H. J. C. Beattie, and A. M. Bond.

The Grand Z. then called for nominations for the elective officers of Grand Chapter, and the next place of meeting.

LUNCHEON AND ELECTION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

At 12.40 o'clock noon Grand Chapter was called from labour for luncheon, as well as to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

After the elections of the Grand Superintendents the Companions assembled in the Banqueting

Hall where a dinner was served, presided over by the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan. There were over 425 Companions present. The Rev. D. C. MacGregor, a prominent clergyman of the City of London, delivered an excellent twenty-minute address on the Brotherhood of Man.

RESUMED LABOUR

At 2.15 o'clock p.m., the Grand Chapter resumed labour, when the nominations for Grand Superintendents were submitted to the M. Ex., the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case and the following selections were confirmed:

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R.Ex. Comp.	W. J. Haydon, Chatham	St. Clair Dist. No. 1
" " "	William L. Stewart, London	" 2
" " "	William A. Sutherland, Ingersoll	Wilson " 3
" " "	James Ritchie, Galt	Wellington " 4
" " "	Albert P. Goering, Hamilton	" 5
" " "	George Haycroft Ross, Wingham	Horon " 6
" " "	Charles H. Stringer, Niagara Falls	Niagara " 7
" " "	Henry Alexander Miller, Toronto	Toronto E. " 8
" " "	Gordon B. Jackson, Cooksville	Toronto W. " 8a
" " "	James Shrubsole, Barrie	Georgian " 9
" " "	William Fred McMahon, Port Hope	Ontario " 10
" " "	Thomas W. Solmes, Stirling	Prince Edward " 11
" " "	Charles Wyatt McLean, Brockville	St. Lawrence " 12
" " "	Edward Jenner McCleery, Ottawa	" 13
" " "	Wallace Warner Wees, Fort Frances	Algoma " 14
" " "	James Alexander Orr, Sudbury	New Ontario " 15
" " "	Daniel William Cameron, Cochrane	Temiskaming " 16
" " "	John Roderick Fraser, Dawson	Yukon Terr'y " —

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF
ACCOUNT

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, Grand Treasurer,
presented the following statement:—

February 1st, 1927, to January 31st, 1928.

Received by Grand Scribe E. from Chapters on account of Dues, Fees, etc.	\$17,342.25	Accounts Paid— Cheques and Cash	\$14,236 00
Interest on Investments and Bank balances	3,823 51	Donations— Ottawa Protestants Infants Home	250 00
		National Memorial Queen Alexandra	486 25
		Benevolent Grants	2,650 00
			\$17,622.25
		Excess Receipts over Payments ...	3,543 51
		(See below, A)	
	\$21,165 76		\$21,165 76

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investments—Feb. 1st, 1927, at cost, as per last accounts	\$68,038 70	Investments — Jan. 31st, 1928, at cost as per Schedule	\$74,374 70
Bought—\$6,000.00 Dom. of Canada 5½% Bonds	6,336 00		
	\$74,374 70		\$74,374 70

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

February 1st, 1927, Capital:

At Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	\$12,123 58
Incidentals Account in hand	33 78
	\$12,157 36
Investments	68,038 70
	\$80,196 06

January 31st, 1928, Capital:

At Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$ 9,359 19
Incidentals Account in hand	5 68
	\$ 9,364 87
Investments, as per Schedule	74,374 70
	\$83,739 57
Increase (see above, A)	\$ 3,543 51

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS, JANUARY 1st, 1928

	Cost	Par Value
City of Hamilton Debenture, Interest 6%, payable half-yearly, April 1st and October 1st; due October 1st, 1931. (Registered as to prin- cipal)	\$1,044 70	\$1,000 00
City of Hamilton Debenture, Interest 6%, payable half-yearly, April 1st and October 1st; due October 1st, 1931. (Registered as to prin- cipal)	1,047 50	1,000 00
Dominion of Canada War Loan Bonds, Interest 5½%, payable half- yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due November 1st, 1933. (Fully registered)	3,135 00	3,000 00
Dominion of Canada War Loan Bonds, 5½%, payable half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due Novem- ber, 1934. (Fully registered)	62,811 50	62,000 00
Dominion of Canada War Loan Bonds, 5½%, payable half-yearly, May 1st and November 1st; due Novem- ber 1st, 1934. (Fully registered). Bought Jan. 19th, 1928	6,336 00	6,000 00
	\$74,374 70	\$73,000 00

(Signed) GEORGE MOORE,
Grand Treasurer.

B. F. GRIGGS, C.A.,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

In preparing my report as Grand Scribe E., for submission this year I more than realize that we must labour for what we have, and that nothing is worth possessing, or offering to others, which costs us nothing. The law of nature is, that labour is necessary to produce an amount of good of any kind. To gain good results then we must energetically toil or strive for what we want.

THE REVISED RITUAL.

The past year has been a busy one as the results will show. There has been the printing of the Revised Ritual. The correspondence has been heavy, while other conditions have arisen that have required constant care. In reviewing the work of the year we have this satisfaction in knowing that of the 155 Chapters, 148 have procured the new Ritualistic Work. This would show that the new Ritual has met with the general approbation of the officers and Companions of the constituent Chapters throughout our Jurisdiction. It should also be gratifying for this Grand Body to know, that so far, two of our Sister Grand Chapters in Western Canada have unanimously adopted our Ritualistic Work.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The Annual Returns have been received from 153 Chapters, as well as reports from the two Chapters working under Dispensation, and they show the past year has been a progressive one. These returns and reports show there has been a net increase in membership of 262, making the total membership in this Jurisdiction, on December 31st, 1927, 26,077. From the summonses and information, now being received, it would appear that the coming year will also be a progressive one for the Royal Craft.

EXALTATIONS AND LOSSES.

For the year 1927 there have been 1,028 Exaltations, showing 56 more than the previous year, when we have 972. There were 125 Joinings, being 8 more; Restorations 40, being 12 less; Withdrawals 290, showing 9 more; Deaths 265, being 36 less, and Suspensions 376, showing 18 less than for the year 1926.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the past year there have been 101 Dispensations issued. These were largely for changing dates for holding Convocations for Chapters, for qualifying Companions elected to fill the positions of First and Second Principals. A few to confer the Royal Arch degree in connection with the other degrees on the same evening, and for holding "At Homes" in Masonic Halls, and attending Divine Services at Churches.

RECEIPTS FROM CHAPTERS.

From the Annual Statement, accompanying this Report, it will be seen that the amounts received from the constituent Chapters for the past year, in fees and dues, amounted to \$17,342.25, and with the interest on investments of \$3,823.51, making a total in receipts of \$21,165.76. This information is fully set forth with the disbursements in the Report of the Grand Treasurer and the Audit and Finance Committee.

SOURCES OF INCOME.

Reference should be made to the several sources of income during the past year, that all have shown a decided increase, especially that of Sundries, which is accounted for by the sales and distribution of the new Ritual. There has been a decrease in Dues from the previous year, although the membership has increased. This is accounted for owing to a larger number of Commutation Certificates having been issued during the year 1926, than in 1927; also on account of one of the

Chapters not having paid its dues until after the financial year for 1927 had closed, as well as no dues are chargeable to the two Chapters, which were instituted during the year.

CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION.

Two new Chapters were Instituted:—

Dochert Chapter, Arnprior, received its Dispensation, and was Instituted on Tuesday afternoon, October 11th, 1927, with a membership of 11. It now has a membership of 30, and asks for its Warrant.

Palestine Chapter, Bowmanville, received its Dispensation, and was Instituted on Monday evening, January 16th, 1928, with a membership of 19. It now has a membership of 22 and asks for its Warrant.

It is gratifying to announce that all the Chapters, working under this Grand Jurisdiction, have fully paid up their fees and have met all obligations they owe to Grand Chapter for the year 1927.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY T. SMITH,
Grand Scribe E.

PRESENT STANDING OF MEMBERSHIP.

The following table shows the present standing of the membership of Grand Chapter:

Number of Chapters.....	155
Number of Members, December 31st, 1926.....	25,815
Number of Registrations, December 31st, 1927	1,028
Number of Joinings, December 31st, 1927.....	125
Number of Restorations, December 31st, 1927	40
	— 1,193
Number of Withdrawals, December 31st, 1927	290
Number of Suspensions, December 31st, 1927	376

Number of Deaths, December		
31st, 1927	265	
	—	931
Net Gain		262
Total Membership, December 31st, 1927.....		26,077
	Net Additions.	Net Removals.
Ontario	586	324
Yukon Territory		
	586	324
The Jurisdiction embraced 155 Chapters,		
December 31st, 1927, distributed as follows:		
	No. of Chapters.	Membership.
Ontario	154	25,962
Yukon Territory	1	115
	155	26,077

ACTIVE CHAPTERS.

The Chapters reporting during the year 20 or more Exaltations are as follows:

The St. Clair, No. 231, Toronto 29; Antiquity, No. 91 and King Cyrus, No. 232, Toronto, 25 each; Ark, No. 80, Windsor, 24; Wellington, No. 47, Chatham, and Cobalt, No. 203, Cobalt, 23, each; Guelph, No. 40, Guelph, 21 and Bernard, No. 146, Listowel, 20.

BY-LAWS.

By-laws have been presented to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and approved for the following Chapters:—

Signet Chapter, No. 34; Grimsby, No. 69; St. Andrew's, No. 139; Atwood, No. 149.

Amendments to By-laws of Chapters have also been submitted and approved as follows:—

St. John's, No. 3; The Moira, No. 7; Wawanosh, No. 15; Pentalpha, No. 28; McCallum, No. 29; Mount Sinai, No. 44; York, No. 62; Grand River, No. 70; St. Clair, No. 75; Minnewana, No. 78; Golden, No. 90; Algonquin, No. 102; King Cyrus, No. 119; St. Andrew's, No. 139; Fort William, No. 140; The St. Patrick, No. 145; Bernard, No. 146;

London, No. 150; Toronto, No. 185; Ulster, No. 219; Keystone, No. 224; Quinte Friendship, No. 227; The St. Andrew's, No. 238; St. Paul's, No. 242; Humber, No. 246.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR 1ST FEBRUARY, 1927, To 31ST JANUARY, 1928.

FEES AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS

1 Anct. Frontenac	58 Pembroke	11 50
and Cataraqui..\$228 60	59 Sussex	154 20
2 The Hiram	60 Doric	87 30
3 St. John's	61 Granite	51 00
4 St. Andrew and	62 York	102 60
St. John	63 Havelock	66 10
5 St. George's	64 Wilson	131 50
6 St. John's	65 St. Paul's	73 50
7 The Moira	66 The Malloch	62 10
8 King Solomon's..	67 Enterprise	59 50
15 Wawanosh	68 Maitland	32 00
16 Carleton	69 Grimsby	93 60
18 Oxford	70 Grand River	57 50
19 Mount Moriah	71 Prince of Wales..	86 00
20 Mount Horeb	72 Keystone	79 75
22 Grenville	73 Erie	96 50
23 Ezra	74 Beaver	61 50
24 Tecumseh	75 St. Clair	81 80
26 St. Mark's	76 Mount Nebo	151 50
27 Manitou	77 Occident	305 10
28 Pentalpha	78 Minnewawa	85 60
29 McCallum	79 Orient	169 30
30 Huron	80 Ark	391 50
31 Prince Edward....	81 Aylmer	64 50
32 Waterloo	82 Shuniah	199 65
34 Signet	83 Ionic	86 10
35 Keystone	84 Lebanon	77 50
36 Corinthian	86 Macpherson	60 50
37 Victoria	88 MacNabb	61 00
40 Guelph	90 Golden	120 40
41 Harris	91 Antiquity	328 70
44 Mount Sinai	94 Midland	117 65
45 Excelsior	95 Tuscan	133 10
46 St. James	100 St. Lawrence	133 50
47 Wellington	102 Algonquin	195 70
48 St. John's	103 St. John's	103 10
53 Bruce	104 White Oak	56 50
54 Palestine	110 Warkworth	63 00
55 Niagara	112 St. John's	58 80
56 Georgian	113 Covenant	94 00
57 King Hiram	114 Bonnechere	62 10

115 Brant	100 85	205 Victoria	\$ 83 60
116 Maple	67 80	210 Kitchener	13 50
117 Kitchener	122 10	212 Mount Sinai	101 00
119 King Cyrus	107 15	213 Northern Lights	79 00
129 Elliot	50 85	214 Vimy	53 20
130 Chantry	61 63	215 Mimico	98 30
131 Amabel	31 50	217 St. Alban's	110 50
132 Leeds	54 00	218 Prince Edward	38 50
133 St. Francis	72 80	219 Ulster	122 20
134 King Darius	51 60	220 Lebanon	52 00
135 Succoth	111 10	221 Durham	43 00
138 Shekinah	185 00	222 Ottawa	90 50
139 St. Andrew's	68 50	223 Abitibi	58 55
140 Fort William	187 30	224 Keystone	136 45
143 Glengarry	31 00	225 Beaver	154 00
144 Presque Isle	40 10	226 Prince of Wales	38 50
145 The St. Patrick	410 60	227 Quinte Friendship	66 30
146 Bernard	120 60	230 Port Credit	74 60
147 Lucknow	27 50	231 St. Clair	170 00
148 St. John's	22 75	232 King Cyrus	174 60
149 Atwood	66 00	233 Oakwood	73 00
150 London	189 00	234 Halton	88 36
151 Laurentian	41 50	235 Aurora	30 00
152 Alberton	110 50	236 Caledonia	42 50
153 Sombra	71 10	238 The St. Andrew	106 65
154 Klondike	98 50	239 Blenheim	66 00
155 Ancaster	105 85	240 Smithville	44 75
161 Madoc	153 30	241 University	124 00
163 The Beaches	99 00	242 St. Paul's	41 00
164 Lorne	59 50	243 McKay	30 00
167 Kichikewana	114 00	244 Cochrane	40 50
168 Ionic	80 50	245 Preston	52 10
169 Temiskaming	177 45	246 Humber	58 50
175 The Hamilton	78 42	247 Nilestown	28 10
184 Hugh Murray	41 50	248 Dochert	96 00
185 Toronto	236 50	249 Palestine	25 00
195 Peel	92 50	Sundries	430 82
198 Couchiching	93 70		
203 Cobalt	166 90		
			\$17,342 25

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY T. SMITH,
Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1927 be received and referred to the Executive Committee for report thereon at the present Convocation.

WARRANTS.

To The Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows:—

Dochert Chapter, Arnprior, Ont., was Instituted on Tuesday afternoon, October 11th, 1927, with 11 petitioners. It now has a membership of 30.

Palestine Chapter, Bowmanville, Ont., was Instituted on Monday evening, January 16th, 1928, with 19 petitioners. It now has a membership of 22.

The Grand Superintendent, of Ottawa District, No. 13, in which Dochert Chapter is located, and the Grand Superintendent of Ontario District, No. 10, in which Palestine Chapter is located, report that the officers of the Chapters named are capable of performing their duties, that the records of the Chapters are regularly kept, that they have the proper regalia and equipment for the conferring of the Capitular degrees, and they recommend that these Chapters should receive their Warrant at this Annual Convocation.

Your Committee therefore recommend that Warrants be granted to:—

Dochert Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior, Ont., and—
Palestine Chapter, No. 249, Bowmanville, Ont.

Fraternally submitted,

W. Y. MILLS,

Chairman of Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal
Arch Masons of Canada:*

The Committee on Benevolence have examined the applications for relief presented to them and respectfully recommended that the following grants be made:—

Chapter No.	1—Widow of G. McN.	\$ 60 00
" "	3—Widow of J. J. H.	50 00
" "	3—Widow of A. B. F.	60 00
" "	3—Widow of T. W.	60 00
" "	5—Widow of J. B.	60 00
" "	15—Widow of H. E. D.	60 00
" "	27—Widow of J. W. M.	60 00
" "	28—Widow of C. W. S.	60 00
" "	37—Widow of R. M. J.	50 00
" "	44—Widow of H. R.	50 00
" "	46—Comp. W. H. E.	100 00
" "	53—Widow of R. M. B.	50 00
" "	53—Daughter of J. S.	50 00
" "	54—Widow of J. B.	50 00
" "	54—Widow of J. A. S.	60 00
" "	60—Widow of W. C.	50 00
" "	62—Widow of W. D.	50 00
" "	63—Widow of M. M.	60 00
" "	63—Comp. A. McK.	100 00
" "	63—Widow of P. F.	50 00
" "	72—Comp. P. S.	100 00
" "	72—Comp. L. F. M.	100 00
" "	74—Comp. J. T. N.	100 00
" "	77—Widow of W. P.	50 00
" "	77—Widow of J. M.	60 00
" "	77—Widow of A. S.	60 00
" "	83—Widow of S. S. McC.	60 00
" "	91—Widow of A. A.	60 00
" "	91—Widow of R. J. R.	60 00
" "	91—Widow of N. H. B.	60 00
" "	100—Comp. W. H. M.	100 00
" "	112—Widow of A. C.	50 00
" "	119—Widow of W. N.	50 00
" "	119—Widow of S. G.	50 00
" "	135—Widow of I. G.	60 00
" "	138—Widow of W. I.	60 00
" "	140—Widow of W. G. S.	60 00

"	"	140—Widow of J. W. McI.	60 00
"	"	167—Comp. J. G. M.	100 00
"	"	220—Comp. G. H.	100 00
			\$2,590 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WALTER G. PRICE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith,
seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on
Benevolence be received and adopted.

AUDIT AND FINANCE

*To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal
and Companions of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

In submitting the Seventieth Annual Report on Audit and Finance, your Committee is pleased to note the financial progress attained during the past year. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$21,165.76 and the expenditures \$17,622.25, providing an increase of \$3,543.51 in the Capital Account of Grand Chapter.

Available funds to the amount of \$6,336.00 were invested in Dominion of Canada War Loan Bonds, due November 1st, 1934, bearing interest at 5½ per cent payable half-yearly. The total investments now amount to \$74,374.70, with a face value of \$73,000.00 of which amount \$71,000.00 is in Canadian War Loan Bonds, bearing 5½ per cent payable half-yearly, a truly good investment.

The cash in bank and on hand amounts to \$9,364.87.

The Auditor reports that the books and accounts of Grand Chapter have been excellently kept by the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer.

The following balance sheet, compiled by the Auditor, provides the usual detailed information:—

SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDING
JANUARY 31st, 1928

RECEIPTS.

Balances, February 1st, 1927, in Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$12,123 58
Incidentals Account in hands of Grand Scribe E.	33 78
	—————\$12,157 36
Receipts from Chapters:—	
Certificates	\$ 1,023 00
Dues	12,546 00
Fees	1,014 00
Dispensations and Warrants	145 60
Constitutions	291 95
Sundries	2,321 70
	—————\$17,342 25

Interest Received on Investments and Bank balances	3,823 51
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\$33,323 12

PAYMENTS.

Benevolence	\$ 2,650 00
“ Inspection of	50 00
	\$ 2,700 00

Donations:

Ottawa Protestant Infants Home	\$ 250 00
National Memorial to Queen Alexandra	486 25
	\$ 736 25

Investments Purchased:—

\$6,000.00, Dominion of Canada 5½ % Bonds (1934)	\$ 6,336 00
Accrued Interest to 19th January, 1927	71 43
	\$ 6,407 43

Salaries	\$ 4,650 00
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Superannuation	916 67
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Foreign Correspondence Report	300 00
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Office Rent, Telephone, etc.	1,095 21
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Premium on Guarantee Bond	10 00
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Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses, 1927	687 70
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Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses on Account, 1928	10 00
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Expenses of Executive Committee at- tending 1927 Convocation of Grand Chapter	1,319 30
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Printing, Engrossing, etc.—

Proceedings	\$1,475 15
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Constitutions	254 10
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Rituals	1,450 80
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General Printing and Sta- tionery and Binding	705 09
	\$ 3,885 14

Audit and Financial Reports to January

31st, 1927	\$ 250 00
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Grand Z. Expenses	600 00
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Funeral Wreaths and Flowers	62 45
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Grand Scribe E., Office Incidentals, Postages and General Expenses	328 10
	\$14,114 57

\$23,958 25

Balances, January 31st, 1928—

In Canadian Bank of Commerce	\$ 9,359 19
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Incidentals Account in hands of Grand Scribe E.	5 68
	\$ 9,364 87

\$33,323 12

I have audited the books and vouchers of Grand Chapter for the year ended January 31st, 1928, and found them in order and certify that the above is a correct summary of the Accounts. I also certify that I have inspected and found in order the investments of Grand Chapter, the cost of same being \$74,374.70 and the par value \$73,000.00.

B. F. GRIGGS,

Chartered Accountant,

of Sharp, Milne & Co.

Toronto, February 13th, 1928.

Your Committee submits the estimates of expenditures for the current year as follows:—

Benevolence Grants	\$ 2,590 00
“ Inspections	50 00
Salaries	5,050 00
Foreign Correspondence	300 00
Office Rent, Telephones, etc.	1,100 00
Bond Premiums	10 00
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses	700 00
Expenses of Executive Committee	900 00
Printing Proceedings	1,500 00
General Printing, Stationery, etc.	600 00
Audit and Financial Reports	250 00
Grand Z. Expenses	700 00
Grand Scribe E., Incidentals	350 00
Presentation to I.P.G.Z.	350 00

Your Committee recommends the re-appointment of Comp. B. F. Griggs as Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

O. ELLWOOD,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Your Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry desire to present to this Sovereign Body the Annual Report, an inventory not alone of our man power and material wealth, but a resumé of twelve months' of Masonic labour.

From the statements submitted by the Grand Superintendents, as well as from personal observation, we can with sincerity make the time-honoured declaration—"Peace, Harmony, and Good-Will prevail within our Gates."

It has been a full year of conscientious service, of sincere endeavour to meet and solve the problems of the present, and to lay plans for the development of the future. We have continued the quest for the true and lasting Light, that the gospel of Royal Arch Masonry and the cardinal principles of this Ancient and Honourable Fraternity may be spread in every direction and firmly implanted in every community, exercising a benign influence upon our manhood and citizenship, and commanding the admiration and respect alike of the faithful and profane.

The Royal Craft is everywhere realizing more and more its exoteric as well as its esoteric functions and a broader vista of usefulness is unfolded in the enlarged teachings and practical application of those tenets and fundamental principles which awaken within the breast a desire to serve and prompt the individual to face and not to evade the civic and economic duties of a good citizen, a Mason, and a man.

The reports of the representatives of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., provide information of an illuminative character, and may fairly be taken as a safe intimation of the conditions obtaining in the sixteen districts which comprise this Grand Jurisdiction. Our Chapters show evidence of thriftiness

and prosperity. Happiness and contentment characterize the meetings and point to a future bright and gladsome. Our increase in membership, while not large is fairly substantial. Those in charge of our constituent Chapters have proven themselves to be good men and true, worthy of the trust, thoroughly endowed with an understanding of their responsibilities, well-trained minds and loyal hearts, each giving of his best in the advancement of the great cause of Masonry.

From the four corners of our Jurisdiction, we find the tide of life flowing strong and steady, and the Royal Craft vigorous, buoyant, self-confident, and energetic, alive to the needs of the hour, dispelling ignorance, lifting the veil of darkness and bringing light unto the sons of men whose blessings shall come down upon us, refreshing as the morning dew.

Once again your Committee are privileged to present certain statistics which have a definite bearing on the vital condition of the Royal Craft. Our membership totals to 26,077, representing 155 subordinate Chapters, each in itself a separate entity, yet an integral part of the whole.

In considering our present membership, we do not feel that we should point with all consuming pride to our numbers, but rather give expression to the hope that those numbers contain the qualities that go to make active, interested, and sincere Royal Arch Masons. While we may enjoy a merited satisfaction at the continued growth of our Order, let us not forget that this very growth is bringing to us an overwhelming responsibility that can neither be denied nor evaded. It may be pertinent to remark that we have very little fear from the enemy without. Royal Arch Masonry can only be torn down from within—hence the need for care in the selection of our material. Freemasonry to-day owes its influence in the community to the high standard of its membership and we must never forget that the outside world judges us not by our best but by our worst—and that one unworthy

member will exercise a malign influence that a hundred good men and true cannot counteract.

Remember, the great hope of society is individual character. A man is what he is, not what he says he is. His character is what he is before God, his reputation is what men say he is. Character lives in a man, reputation outside of him, but reputation is for time, character for eternity. In the great Light of Masonry we have a perfect standard, both of Duty and Character, that by the influence of both, appealing to the best principles of our nature, we may be roused to the noblest and best efforts. Life is made up not of great sacrifices and duties, but of little things in which smiles and kindness given habitually, will win and preserve the heart and secure comfort and contentment.

Possessed with a language and history, Royal Arch Masonry has but one mission, to direct the minds of men to all that is good and noble in life, to develop the best qualities of heart and head, to vitalize in the highest sense, the principle of human brotherhood, and in so doing provide a living force for good in every avenue of worthy endeavour.

Our growth, therefore, while not extraordinary, is consistent and steady, and if the pilgrims who journey toward the great light of the Royal Arch are imbued with the true spirit of service inspired and actuated by an abiding faith in the great lessons of the Capitular Craft, there can be no danger to the institution in numbers, and we may then view the influx of new members with a feeling of confidence that the builders of to-day are developing for to-morrow Royal Craftsmen of sterling character to whom we may safely pass the torch with the message—"Our task is done, we have kept the Faith. All's well!"

The following table of statistics will provide ample food for thought and reflection:—

Number of Chapters	155
Number of Members, December 31st, 1926	25,815
Number of Registrations, December 31st, 1927	1,028

Number of Joinings, December 31st, 1927	125	
Number of Restorations, December 31st, 1927.....	40	
		1,193
Number of Withdrawals, December 31st, 1927	290	
Number of Suspensions, December 31st, 1927	376	
Number of Deaths, December 31st, 1927	265	
		931
Net Gain.....	262.	
Total Membership, December 31st, 1927—26,077.		

THE DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTIC.

“It was sufficient that his wants were known,
True Charity makes others’ wants its own.”

As we turn from the material things that help to measure our growth and achievement, our thoughts quite naturally incline to a study of those conditions which provide justification for our existence as an institution. The drift of the age needs the interposing influence of Royal Arch Masonry. We should not become indifferent to the welfare of our neighbour. While we travel the high road of plenty and comfort, let us not forget the lanes peopled with want and sorrow. The world needs to-day as never before, Organizations such as this, to develop moral bigness: to hold the colours of Christian Charity aloft to the view of all men and to sound constantly the Clarion Call “To Duty” in their ears: to cultivate and grow flowers of kindness in such variety and profusion that their fragrance will penetrate and permeate every life, and bring all people together in one garden of Friendship.

The supreme act of a lofty soul is to forget itself and think of someone else. That the great moral lessons of Kindness, Brotherhood, and Charity, have fallen on fertile soil is evidenced by the distribution of \$6,150.00 in Benevolence during the past twelve months.

We are rich only through what we give and poor only through what we refuse. As the purse is emptied the heart is filled. Active beneficence carries its own reward. Good deeds are trophies erected in the hearts of men, and those Chapters which so generously gave of their substance that

others might benefit, provide a beacon light of encouragement and inspiration to all who would emulate Him who said "I am among you as one who serveth."

INSURANCE.

Like the proverbial drop of water which wears away the stone, your Committee are hopeful that a yearly reference to this important subject may ultimately bear fruit. Sixteen Chapters report "no insurance" and while we agree that this is a matter to be determined by the constituent Chapter, we earnestly suggest that those Chapters which have not protected themselves in this regard may give ear to our plea, that a fire loss is usually a deadly blow which requires years of effort to re-establish.

INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION.

The past year has been one of marked advancement from the standpoint of Masonic education. Masonry is now studied to an extent it has never been studied before. Its traditions, legends, symbolism, history, and achievements are the subject of intensive and exhaustive research and thought.

It is indeed gratifying to note the increase in the number of Chapters of Instruction held throughout the Jurisdiction. Commendation of the sincerest form is due the Grand Superintendents for their untiring efforts in this regard. In our opinion, these district gatherings cannot fail to be conducive to increased interest, not alone in our ritualistic work, but in all things that pertain to Royal Arch Masonry.

The interest manifested, not alone by the officers, but by the membership generally, in the revised ritual may be accepted as a fair indication that the labours of those charged with the responsibility for this revision have not been in vain. In these days of change and innovation, loyalty to the past prompts us to hold fast to the "Ancient Landmarks," and any suggested change is viewed with apprehension and concern, yet nothing in the world remains unchanged. All things are in perpetual

flux, even the great world itself spins forever down the ringing grooves of change and advancement.

The revised ritual is a change, but a change for the better. Even those who were in opposition to this suggestion now freely admit an improvement—a step in the right direction. A change of the outer shell perhaps, but no change in the fundamental principles. A change in the method of presentation but no change in the beautiful lessons taught and instilled within the hearts and minds of those who journey toward the Great Discovery.

Your Committee pay well-deserved and fitting tribute to the distinguished Companions who gave of their time, knowledge, and experience, that the ritualism of this Grand Jurisdiction might be placed on a higher plane and brought into closer harmony with the accepted legends of the Royal Craft.

FINANCES.

A retrospective view of the year just completed discloses the fact that 1927 was remarkable in many ways, marking as it did an epoch in the history of this Great Dominion. With the celebration of Canada's Golden Jubilee of Confederation we look back with pride over sixty years of progress. The vision that inspired the Fathers of Confederation has become real and tangible, the Canada of to-day has become a nation within the Empire, a land with a wonderful heritage, destined by Providence to take her place in due course among the great nations of the world. Canada's industry as a whole is facing a period of real prosperity which encourages us to meet the future with an optimism born of self-reliance and with confidence in the tremendous possibilities of this great Dominion. The trend to-day in the commercial life of the country is to place business on a better basis, to stabilize conditions, thus preparing for increased prosperity in the year 1928.

It is generally conceded that Masonry and similar organizations are affected by the fluctu-

ation of business conditions, yet a glance at the financial statement of this Grand Chapter confirms the thought that despite the rise and fall of financial conditions in the outer world, our position is secure. Your Committee congratulate those responsible for our fiscal affairs on the sane, sound, and safe policy exercised by them in all matters pertaining to our material welfare.

The statistical figures supplied by the Grand Superintendents are decidedly interesting. Your Committee are constrained to say that after analyzing these statements we find some rather amazing facts relating to the financial status of our constituent Chapters. The total assets of sixteen Districts are \$230,181.56—a very comfortable situation if correct, but as last year we again make the assertion that in our humble opinion these figures are badly distorted, and if properly audited would undoubtedly show a very substantial shrinkage. If, however, there is any doubt as to the accuracy of the assets we believe there can be none with regard to the liabilities. We accept the authenticity of these latter figures and find the amount \$12,272.00, a matter of deep gratification.

In delving beneath the surface we are more than pleased to find that ninety-two Chapters report “no liabilities.” One complete District is in the same happy position while yet another large District has but \$23.00 in unpaid accounts. This condition indicates in no uncertain terms that the Chapters so placed are being operated on sound business basis. Another phase of our finances, however, is represented in the statement that there were 2,716 Companions in arrears on December 31st, 1927, the total outstanding being \$37,047.00, equivalent to three times the amount of our total liabilities. Of course, we recognize that much of this outstanding has been liquidated since the end of 1927, yet we deem it expedient to again sound a note of warning and to respectfully state that good business judgment suggests prompt payment of dues as the only sure and certain road to financial strength.

Again we direct attention to the yearly assessment of our Chapters. The great majority are asking \$3.00 or less annually, a considerable number from \$3.00 to \$7.00, and a few from \$7.00 to \$14.00. It is not the desire of your Committee to trespass upon the rights of the constituent Chapter, yet we feel that we are but doing our duty in urging all concerned to give serious thought and consideration to this vital question and to endeavour to provide a satisfactory answer to the query. Is the operating cost of your Chapter per member in excess of the revenue secured per member? This is the crux of the whole situation, and upon each individual Chapter rests the responsibility as to whether the answer is satisfactory or not.

DISTRICT REPORTS.

We preface this section of our report by stating that news has just been received from our isolated Companions of the far north. We are delighted to hear from them at this time as during the past two years this Committee have had no official report of the lone Chapter located at Dawson City in the Yukon Territory. While perhaps this in itself is not serious, we feel that the Bond of Loyalty, beautiful as shimmering gold, which is responsible for Dawson City's continued allegiance to this Grand Body, would be materially strengthened had we yearly knowledge of the conditions prevailing in this long range section of our jurisdiction.

Through the medium of this Annual Report we acknowledge the difficulties under which our Companions of Dawson City labour, and pledge and extend to them such assistance and comfort as may come from the thought that our interest is keen, genuine, and lasting, while our friendship is real, sincere, and active. We learn with pleasure that the past twelve months have dealt kindly with them, that the fruits of their labour have been such as to inspire and encourage them to increased effort. The Acting Grand Superintendent paints a glowing picture of what may be expected in 1928 and assures

us that our energetic Companions of the Great Northland face the future with a supreme confidence in their ability to carry high and honourably the Banner of the Holy Royal Arch.

Within the confines of the sixteen Districts located in the Province of Ontario, there is a recreated interest in Capitular Masonry. Many whose interests have been of the passive variety have become active and are lending their best efforts to make their Chapter measure up to the highest standard. The addition to our ranks of many young men has brought the enthusiasm of noble young manhood and the vigor and energy of youth into active play, and our Chapters with rare exception show an unprecedented activity, the meetings marked not only by larger attendance but by a degree of decorum, dignity, and fraternal spirit well calculated to stimulate the officers and members to redouble their efforts to make the Chapter at once interesting, elevating, and instructive.

We are either progressing or retrograding all the while. There is no such thing as remaining stationary in this life. A careful study of the Grand Superintendents' reports leaves no doubt as to the progression of the Royal Craft in their respective Districts. A desire to give credit where credit is due undoubtedly prompts the Grand Superintendents to make a uniform declaration that "the books and records are well kept due to the splendid work of the Scribes E." We cheerfully subscribe to this sentiment. Realizing that our constituent Chapters are well served by these zealous, faithful, and energetic Companions, many of whom are veterans of the Royal Craft and whose experience teaches that without labour nothing prospers—Genius may conceive, but patient labour must consummate—and in consequence they give willingly of their time and effort in a labourious and painstaking exercise of the duties of their office. Truly, theirs is a labour of love.

Again these reports speak in glowing terms of the yeoman service rendered by the Past Principals.

These are the Old Guard of Masonry, and just as Napoleon in the crucial moment looked to the Old Guard to strengthen and support the conscripts of the new army, so in the realm of Masonry we must place our confidence in the Past Principals, and look to them to assist the officers of to-day by giving freely of their store of knowledge and experience.

A perusal of the District Reports impresses your Committee with the whole-hearted manner in which the representatives of the Grand Z. have performed the duties of their office. "Semper fidelis" may well be emblazoned on their banners. They have given us a glorious example of the true spirit of faithfulness, unflagging enthusiasm, and unselfish devotion to duty. They have demonstrated by practical and useful service that the responsibility placed upon their shoulders one year ago was recognized and accepted as a trust, and by their individual effort they have endeavoured to keep the escutcheon of their respective Districts not alone free from tarnish, but by a meritorious attention to the demands of their office they are hopeful that they may be enabled to pass it on to their successors with an added lustre.

The reward for service well rendered is greater tasks and responsibilities. No compensation that may be offered to these energetic Companions is comparable to that satisfaction which comes to every right-thinking man in the knowledge that he has given of his best, and his efforts have been crowned with success.

It is meet that reference should be made in this report to the heavy contribution which our Grand Z. and his associates have made to the cause of Royal Arch Masonry. M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan and members of the Grand Council ably seconded by our well-skilled Grand Scribe E., have given to us a leadership that made failure impossible.

It has been said that the most successful method of government—whether in a private family or in a Kingdom, is for the husband or Prince to occasionally drop his prerogative. The tendency on the part

of our Grand Z. to drop his prerogative and to display on all occasions the true spirit of democracy, has endeared him to his Companions, who turn to him with pride and confidence as one who is a friend to all.

In closing, let us paraphrase Tennyson's immortal lines and say—"Men may come and men may go, but the Principles of Masonry go on forever"—on and on in dignified majesty flows the caputular stream, purposefully and steadily it wends its way to its ultimate end. Humanity rises momentarily to its surface, waves its arms in eloquence and dignity, then sinks forever with but an obituary ripple to mark the spot, while silently and with God-like serenity the great underlying current of caputular principles moves on and on. Men are for the moment, principles live forever.

Finally, your Committee desire to say that in their judgment Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction is fulfilling the high destiny for which it was brought into being. On every side is ample evidence that our beloved Order is more and more revered by contemplative and thoughtful minds. With Truth—a divine attribute—as its foundation, it must and surely will keep pace with the noblest and most potential agencies for the social and moral elevation of mankind.

"L'ENVOI."

When Earth's last picture is painted, and the tubes are twisted and dried,

When the oldest colours have faded, and the youngest critic has died.

We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it—lie down for an aeon or two.

'Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall put us to work anew!"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. L. GARDINER,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Condition of Caputular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION,
LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

The Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence beg leave to report as follows:—

1. Ex. Comp. George W. Slack has given notice of motion that the Constitution be amended by inserting the following Sections:—

- 234 (a) There shall be concurrent jurisdiction between Chapters in any City having more than two Chapters and the Chapters within ten miles air line measurement from Municipal Limit of such City.
- 234 (b) A Chapter in the area adjacent may be included in such concurrent jurisdiction after Grand Chapter has given approval.
- 234 (c) In any City, Town or Territory having concurrent jurisdiction, there may be established by majority vote of the Chapters in said City, Town or Territory, a Masonic Bureau to which all petitions for exaltation or affiliation, demits to Members in arrears, rejections through the medium of the ballot or Executive Committee and suspensions shall be reported to the Secretary of the Bureau. Such Bureau shall be composed of one representative from each Chapter in the City, Town or Territory having concurrent jurisdiction. The Bureau shall have power to elect officers, frame by-laws and rules for its government subject to the approval of the Grand Z.

With reference to Sections 234 (a) and 234 (b) there is no legal objection to this Motion going before Grand Chapter. Your Committee would suggest that the proposed amendments should not be cited as Sections 234 (a) and 234 (b) respectively but should be included in one Section to be numbered 234 (a) and for such purposes your

Committee would suggest that Section 234a be drafted so as to read as follows:—

There shall be concurrent jurisdiction between Chapters in any City having more than two Chapters and such of the Chapters within 10 miles air line measurement from Municipal Limit of such City as are located within the same District as the City Chapters and such concurrent jurisdiction may be granted by Grand Chapter to a Chapter beyond said 10 miles limit but situated in the same District as City Chapters, provided that a notice of motion to effect such purpose shall have been given as provided for in case of a proposed alteration or amendments of the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

With reference to the proposed 234 (c), the Committee doubt the authority of Grand Chapter compelling constituent Chapters or other Officers to furnish to the proposed Bureau the information called for in the Notice of Motion unless the Bureau is to use the information for purposes in the interest of Capitular Masonry. The giving of such information without knowing the purpose for which it is intended appears to your Committee to come under the heading of improper revelations, constituting a Masonic offence. Your Committee regret that Ex. Comp. Slack has omitted the objects and purposes of the Bureau which he desires to be created. If the intention is that the Bureau should be created for the same objects and purposes as the Bureau authorized by Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, then your Committee would be in a position to report that there is no legal objection to the matter coming before Grand Chapter.

Your Committee recommend that Ex. Comp. Slack if he be so inclined should be given permission to amend his notice of motion, and would suggest that there should be added to the notice of motion as presented the following, namely: after

the words "Grand Z" add "before becoming valid and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Scribe E. The maintenance of the Bureau is to be borne by the Chapters where such is established and those having concurrent jurisdiction therewith." Also add the word "Restorations" after the word "Suspensions" in the fourth line of the said notice of motion. Give the clause an independent number and not a sub. section number. Then add a sub. section to this independent number as follows:—

"In any City, Town or Territory where such Bureau is working, the Scribe E. of such Chapters therein and of those having concurrent jurisdiction shall, upon receipt of a Petition as aforesaid immediately forward the name of the Petitioner, together with all the information he has connected therewith, to the Secretary of the Bureau; he shall also after each regular meeting of the Chapter advise the Secretary of the Bureau what disposition has been made of each of said Petitions, together with the names of Members suspended and the cause thereof, the names of demitted members in arrears for dues, and the names of the restored members. The Secretary shall keep a systematic record of all such applications and information and should his records show that an applicant has been rejected prior to the date of his Petition, he shall forthwith so advise the Scribe E. of the Chapter concerned, and shall also send monthly to the Scribe E. of each of said Chapters comprising the Bureau a statement of all rejections, suspensions and restorations as they are reported to him."

If it should not be the intention of Ex. Comp. Slack that the Bureau shall be maintained at the expense of the Chapters, he may omit that portion of our suggested amendment. If Ex. Comp. Slack's notice of motion be so amended, then your Committee see no legal objection to same going before Grand Chapter.

2. With reference to the notice of motion given by M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis of the addition of a

Section to be known as Section 287 respecting "Keystone." There is no legal objection to this motion going before Grand Chapter, but we would recommend that the part of the section reading "Nothing shall be placed thereon" be changed to read "No foreign matter shall be placed thereon."

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Chairman.

Owing to the absence of M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone the Report of the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence was presented by M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
FRATERNAL DEAD.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal
Arch Masons of Canada:*

Your Committee, at the close of another year, begs to make the usual report giving a list of those who have with us enjoyed the working of Capitular Masonry and associated with us at Grand Chapter, but who are with us no longer. They have earned their rest, passed beyond the veil, and we being the poorer, mourn our loss. We further extend our sympathy to their dear ones who have lost them for a time.

Among the list which follows are the names of those whose memory will be especially esteemed by many of us, so that it is very difficult for your committee to make any distinction; but, we do feel that the service rendered to the Craft in the case of two has been such that they should be singled out.

R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett, who so faithfully served this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons with great credit to himself and honour to this Grand Chapter, for some sixteen years as Grand Scribe E. He was born in Dublin, where he was made a Mason. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason under the English Constitution, and on emigrating to Toronto, affiliated with Alpha Lodge, No. 384 G.R.C., and was elected its W.M. in 1883. Ten years later he became W.M. of Zeta Lodge No 410, and subsequently he affiliated with Ionic Lodge No. 25. In 1886 he was elected Grand Registrar and again in 1890 District Grand Master of Toronto District.

He became First Principal of Antiquity Chapter, No. 91 G.R.C. in 1885, and in 1891 he held the same office in Tuscan Chapter, Brampton, No. 95 G.R.C. In 1899 he was elected Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which office he filled with distinction until he was forced by illness to resign in 1915. He was succeeded by the present incumbent R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith.

He occupied most of the offices of the Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite, including that of Most Illustrious Grand Master, and he was a Past Grand Registrar of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. In the Scottish Rite he attained the rank of 32°.

For nearly 25 years he was an editorial writer for the Evening Telegram, and as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Canada his editorial efforts reflected great credit on our beloved Institution.

V. Ex. Comp. John A. Cowan, Editor of "The Freemason." The outstanding Masonic service rendered by our late V. Ex. Comp. consists in the excellent work he accomplished for a period of some forty years as Editor of The Freemason. It is very difficult to estimate the inspiration he has given to many of our Companions through the pages of his paper.

He was a member of Doric Lodge, No. 316 G.R.C., and a past Grand Lodge officer of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He was one of the founders of The St. Patrick's Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 145 G.R.C. With every step in the progress of this Chapter he was very closely identified and lived to see it become the largest in the British Empire and one of the most influential. He was a Past Preceptor of Cyrene Preceptory of Toronto and member of the Sovereign Great Priory for many years. He was also a member of Rameses Temple of the Mystic Shrine and of the Scottish Rite.

"But learn that to die is a debt we must all pay."
—*Euripides.*

R. Ex. Comp. Edgar A. James, of Toronto, Grand Registrar in 1922, died February 12, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. H. A. McKibbin, of Port Arthur, Grand Superintendent of Algoma District, No. 14, in 1909, died March 10, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. Thomas Peters of Windsor, Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District, No. 1, in 1895 and 1899, died May 20, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. James D. Weir of Kitchener, Ontario, Grand Superintendent Wellington District, No. 14, in 1919, died June 6, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. R. G. W. Connolly, of St. Catharines, Grand Superintendent of Niagara District, No. 7, in 1898, died June 16, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. Charles Koelln, of Walkerville, Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District, No. 1, in 1906, died July 14, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. Robert Pollock, of Almonte, Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District, No. 13, in 1909, died July 22, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. Elijah Miller, of Kincardine, Grand Superintendent of Huron District, No. 6, in 1908, died July 25, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett, of Toronto, Grand Scribe E. from 1899 to 1915, died September 15, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. Frank Hills, of Hamilton, Grand Superintendent of Hamilton District, No. 5, in 1914, died October 23, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. Henry G. Gorham, of Rainy River, Grand Superintendent of Algoma District, No. 14, in 1912, died October 24, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. George K. Clemens, of Toronto, Grand Scribe N. in 1905, died November 19, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. Alexander G. Horwood, of Toronto, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District, No. 8, in 1896, died December 24, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. Joseph Henry Hulse, of Orangeville, Grand Steward in 1917, died January 30, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. James G. Boyce, of Toronto, Grand Second Assistant Sojourner in 1915, died February 21, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. Richard R. Hopkins, M.D., of Toronto, Grand Steward in 1923, died May 5, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. E. Anson Vollick, of Hamilton, Grand Master of 1st Veil in 1927, died June 16, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. Robert Patterson, of Kincardine, Grand Steward in 1926, died August 30, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. Dr. A. E. Covell, of Toronto, Grand Stewart in 1924, died August 30, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. Thomas Pettigrew Elliott, of London, Grand Pursuivant in 1921, died September 6, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. Samuel Russell Bews, of Milton, Grand First Assistant Sojourner in 1910, died October 9, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. William Hyndman, of Toronto, Grand Master of 4th Veil in 1912, died October 22, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. Thomas Jayne Ivey, of Toronto, Grand Pursuivant in 1912, died December 2, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. Frank Reid, of Simcoe, Grand Standard Bearer in 1899, died December 14, 1927.

V. Ex. Comp. John A. Cowan, of Toronto, Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1914, died December 19, 1927.

JURISDICTION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE EMPIRE.

To our Companions across the seas we again extend the hand of sympathy.

JURISDICTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

This Grand Chapter, among the many bright spots in its history, remembers occasions not a few where we have enjoyed the companionship of your Grand Chapters and now we wish to record our sympathy for you while you mourn the loss of so many distinguished Companions.

“Strange—is it not—that of the myriads who
Before us passed the door of Darkness through,
Not one returns to tell us of the road
Which to discover we must travel too.”

During the past year the *Grand Jurisdictions of the United States* have lost by death, so we have been informed, the following prominent Companions:—

Alabama—Joseph Leon Guntz, P.G.H.P.

Arkansas—Charles Northrup Rix, P.G.H.P.; James R. Donnell, P.G.H.P.

Colorado—William T. Bridwell, P.G.H.P.

Florida—Irving E. Webster, P.G.H.P.; William Stratton Ware, P.G.H.P.

Georgia—Robert L. Colding, P.G.H.P.; Thomas Franklin Moody, P.G.H.P.

Illinois—George Mayhew Moulton, P.G.H.P.; Nathaniel Bowditch, P.G.H.P.

Indiana—William Worthington Ross, P.G.H.P.

Kansas—Charles J. Webb, P.G.H.P.

Louisiana—James B. Adams, P.G.H.P.

Maine—Wilson Darling Barron, P.G.H.P.; Albert Manchester Penley, P.G.H.P.

Massachusetts—Eugene A. Holton, P.G.H.P.

Maryland—William Mohr, P.G.H.P.; Emmett Lindsay Pettit, P.G.H.P.; J. H. Ferd Hahn, P.G.H.P.

Minnesota—John T. Johnson, P.G.H.P.; Ambrose D. Countryman, P.G.H.P.

Missouri—Charles Carroll Woods, P.G.H.P.

Nebraska—Robert Emmet French, P.G.H.P.

New Jersey—Frederick James Melvin, P.G.H.P.; Josiah Smith Davidson, P.G.H.P.

Nevada—Frاند Bell, P.G.H.P.

North Dakota—David Montgomery Holmes, P.G.H.P.

Ohio—Grafton Molen Acklin, P.G.H.P.; Edwin Hagenbuck, Grand Secretary.

Rhode Island—Jerome Hammond Tucker, P.G.H.P.

Texas—James Andrew Gartland, P.G.H.P.

United States of America—George Edgar Corson, G.H.G.H.P.

West Virginia—William Taylor Workman, P.G.H.P.

“One destined period men in common have,
The great, the base, the coward and the brave,
Are food alike for worms, companions in the grave.”

All of which is fraternally submitted,

C. H. C. WRIGHT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith,
seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. H. C. Wright, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Fraternal
Dead be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt's term as a member of the Committee on Benevolence having expired, on Motion of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, it was resolved that M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt be re-elected for a further term of three years.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:—

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, retires in 1929.

R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, retires in 1930.

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, retires in 1931.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS CONVEY GREETINGS

M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth Dunstan, the Grand Z., stated that there were present at this Annual Convocation many distinguished Royal Craftsmen from Sister Jurisdictions, as well as from other branches of Masonry. The delegates would be pleased, he was sure, to have a few words from some of them.

In felicitous terms each of the Companions mentioned conveyed the greetings of his respective Body:—

Ex. Comp. R. B. Dargavel, Deputy Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario; Comp. A. B. Barr, Deputy Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar; R. Ex. Comp. Alfred F. Webster, Sovereign Grand Commander of the A. and A. Scottish Rite of Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada; R. Ex. Comp. T. L. Cochrane, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Canada, Royal and Select Masters of the Cryptic Rite; M. Ex. Comp. A. B. J. Moore, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec; M. Ex. Comp. George King Phillips, Past Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of Michigan; M. Ex. Comp. Samuel E. Forster, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York; M. Ex. Comp. Walton K. Swetland, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chap-

ter of Pennsylvania; M. Ex. Comp. O. Frank Hart, Supreme Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton presented his report on Fraternal Correspondence, and in doing so said:—

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence to whom the question of recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland has had under consideration, recommend that pending the result of the negotiation for union now proceeding, the consideration of the exchange of official representatives be postponed until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee trust that in the meantime all differences between the various Grand Chapters of Queensland, claiming Sovereign Grand Jurisdiction, may be honourably and satisfactorily settled and that the proposed union—too long delayed—may be consummated.

He also urged upon the delegates the idea that they should endeavour to have excerpts of the Fraternal Correspondence placed in the hands of those Companions who desired to become leaders in the Royal Craft.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

Resolved,—That the report on the Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted.

GRAND CHAPTER “CALLED OFF”

At 4.35 p.m. Grand Chapter was “Called Off.”

THURSDAY MORNING

Grand Chapter resumed labour at 10 o'clock a.m. the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, on the Throne.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
ADDRESS OF THE GRAND
FIRST PRINCIPAL

*To the Most Excellent The Grand Chapter of Royal
Arch Masons of Canada:*

The Grand First Principal in his address carries us back over the road by which we have travelled during the three score and ten years of our existence as a Grand Chapter. Our Companions will ever remember with profound admiration and esteem the work of those stalwart and zealous leaders whose efforts placed the Royal Craft on a solid foundation, the superstructure of which has been constructed and embellished by their successors down to the present time.

The Grand First Principal also refers to the days of Confederation and the progress our Dominion has made in the sixty years which have elapsed since that time, and points out in glowing terms the powerful influence which we as Masons can exert on the future destiny of Canada if we but realize our responsibilities and endeavours to make our lives conform to the high ideals of our ancient and honourable institution.

Your Committee heartily concur in the authorization by the Grand First Principal of the grant of one hundred pounds to the National Memorial of the late Queen Alexandra.

Your Committee commend the Grand First Principal on his being able to visit practically every District in the Jurisdiction. These visits not only gave him a wider grasp of the local activities of the Districts, but also must serve as an inspiration to the Companions.

We congratulate the Grand First Principal on his visitations to sister Jurisdictions and we believe with him that these interchanges of visits will perpetuate the friendship which has existed between them and us.

Your Committee concur in the appointments and recommendations of Grand representatives as reported by the Grand First Principal.

With pleasure your Committee note that new Chapters have been instituted at Arnprior and Bowmanville and well equipped Chapter rooms have been dedicated at Orillia, Trenton, Smithville and Whitby.

Your Committee concur in the Rulings and Dispensations of the Grand First Principal, who has doubtless given careful consideration to the circumstances surrounding each case.

Your Committee congratulate the Grand First Principal on the very favourable reception which has been accorded the new Ritual by the various Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction, which cannot fail to be pleasurable to our Grand First Principal, who as Chairman of the Committee on Revision, laboured incessantly to give this Grand Chapter a Ritual commensurate with its dignity—while all members of the Committee contributed to the success of this work, the diligent and effective research of R. Ex. Comp. J. Austin Evans is worthy of special commendation.

We note the reference made by the Grand First Principal to the Character of "Notices of Meetings" issued by some Chapters, which may be termed undignified. We trust that the Chapters officers will remedy this possibly thoughtless error.

Your Committee evince satisfaction with the remarks of the Grand First Principal to Grand Superintendents—we earnestly advise them to carefully read and act on the suggestions contained therein. The Grand Superintendent is a very important and valuable officer and his is a most responsible task. He is the Guardian of Honour and Duty in his District. It is on the Grand Superintendents that Grand Chapters rely for a careful supervision over the Districts which they represent.

Your Committee concur in the views of the Grand First Principal regarding outside organizations. We should never forget that we are Masons

bound together by ties of brotherly love which is more than ordinary friendship, that our Chapters should be Havens of Peace and Harmony, whose watchword is Service, Where Unity of Effort and Faithful devotion wins refreshing sympathy and where unselfish loyalty to our cause is as necessary as the air we breathe. There is no room within the sacred walls for our Chapters for anything that tends to mar the peace and happiness of our Companions or derogate from the dignity of the Royal Craft.

It affords your Committee much pleasure and satisfaction at the careful and efficient manner with which the office of the Grand Scribe E. is conducted. He is known as a model of neatness and despatch. It will perhaps interest the Companions to know that every Security owned by Grand Chapter is registered both as to principal and interest in the name of "The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada."

Your Committee are pleased with the present financial position of Grand Chapter, but a note of warning is necessary. The small annual increase in membership will soon be insufficient for our needs. The dues received from constituent Chapters is the principal item of income. These are decreasing as a natural result of the large number of suspensions occurring every year. Plain words had better be spoken in time, evidently the Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry felt this, when in their report for 1926 they stated that the Chapters had outstanding dues of \$31,822.00 which represented 2,559 Companions in arrears. They especially called the attention of the officers of constituent Chapters to the subject and asked them to earnestly consider it. Your Committee are of the opinion that the remedy is largely in the power of the Three Principals and Scribes E. of the Chapters; systematic and energetic team work by these officers will positively be beneficial.

In concluding, your Committee must congratulate Grand Chapter on havng had its Grand First

Principal a Companion whose strength of Character and outstanding ability has kept our institution on so high a plane and we believe that his influence for all that is just, right and true will be felt and remembered by the members of this Grand Chapter for years to come.

GEORGE MOORE, Chairman.
W. N. PONTON.
W. H. DAVIS.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s Address be received and adopted.

NOTICES OF MOTION

DIMENSIONS OF KEYSTONE

After an explanation by the Grand Z. a general discussion taking place, and it being clearly understood that the Keystone used in the Master Mark Mason degree was not to be interfered with in any way—

It was, in the absence of M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, who had given the Notice of Motion, moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That after Section 286 of the Constitution there shall be added, under the heading “Keystone” the following paragraph:—

“The Keystone in Mark Master Mason degree shall be white stone bearing the letters H.T.W.S.S.T.K.S. in a circle. The dimensions shall be, length of side $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches, length through centre $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches, width at top $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, width at bottom $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Thickness throughout 2 inches, weight 5 pounds. To be carried large end upward.”

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION IN ANY CITY HAVING
ONE HUNDRED INHABITANTS.

Having in view the changes suggested by M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone in his report, as Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence, the Grand Z. having ruled the changes suggested in the report did not vary materially from the object of the Notice of Motion, and after a general discussion the words “one hundred thousand inhabitants” being suggested should be incorporated in the Section. It was moved by Ex. Comp. George W. Slack, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, and—

Resolved,—That the Constitution be amended by inserting the following sub Sections.

Section 234a There shall be concurrent jurisdiction between Chapters in any City having more than one hundred thousand inhabitants and such of the Chapters within 10 miles air line measurement from Municipal Limit of such city as are located within the same District as the City Chapters and such concurrent jurisdiction may be granted by Grand

Chapter to a Chapter beyond said 10 miles limit, but situated in the same District as City Chapters, provided that a notice of motion to effect such purpose shall have been given as provided for in the case of a proposed alteration or amendment of the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

Section 234b That in any City, Town or Territory having concurrent Jurisdiction there may be established by majority vote of the Chapters in said City, Town or Territory, a Masonic Bureau to which all petitions for exaltation or affiliation, demits to Members in arrears, rejections through the medium of the ballot or Executive Committee and suspensions and restorations shall be reported to the Secretary of the Bureau. Such Bureau shall be composed of one representative from each Chapter in the City, Town or Territory having concurrent jurisdiction. The Bureau shall have power to elect officers, frame by-laws and rules for its government subject to the approval of Grand Z. Before becoming valid a copy thereof shall be sent to the Grand Scribe E. The maintenance of the Bureau is to be borne by the Chapters where such is established, and those having concurrent jurisdiction therewith.

(1) In any City, Town or Territory where such Bureau is working, the Scribe E. of such Chapters therein and of those having concurrent jurisdiction shall, upon receipt of a Petition as aforesaid immediately forward the name of the Petitioner, together with all the information he has connected therewith, to the Secretary of the Bureau; he shall also after each regular meeting of the Chapter advise the Secretary of the Bureau what disposition has been made of each of said Petitions, together with the names of the Members suspended and the cause thereof, the names of demitted members in arrears for dues, and the names of the restored members. The Secretary shall keep a systematic record of all such applications and information and should his records show that an applicant has been rejected prior to the date of his Petition, he shall forwith so advise the Scribe E. of the Chapter concerned, and shall also send monthly to the Scribe E. of each of said Chapters comprising the Bureau a statement of all rejections, suspensions and restorations as they are reported to him.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—

M. Ex. Comp.	Edwin Smith, London	Grand Z.	} Grand Council
R. " "	Walter G. Price, Port.		
	Credit	Grand H.	
R. " "	C. W. Haentschel, Haileybury	Grand J.	
M. " "	George Moore, Hamilton	Grand Treasurer	
R. " "	Henry T. Smith, Toronto	Grand Scribe E.	
R. " "	George W. Slack, Toronto	Grand Scribe N.	
R. " "	J. W. Wild, London	Grand Prin. Sojourner	
R. " "	H. G. Meir, Georgetown	Grand Registrar	
M. " "	W. N. Ponton, Belleville	Grand Historian	
	Arthur E. Sedgwick	Grand Janitor	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED

The following Companions were elected by Grand Chapter as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:—

R. Ex. Comp.	A. Cowan	Barrie
" " "	Oliver Ellwood	London
" " "	M. E. Sherwood	Woodstock
" " "	W. Y. Mills	Kingston
" " "	J. J. Gardiner	Ottawa

KINGSTON NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

It was decided unanimously that Grand Chapter should hold its next regular Annual Convocation in the City of Kingston, which will take place in the month of February, 1929.

HISTORIAN ELECTED

On motion of M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton was re-elected Grand Historian.

THANKS TENDERED TO CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That this Grand Body tender to the Credential Committee its thanks for the capable manner in which the several members of the Committee discharged the duties allotted to them.

SCRUTINEERS RECEIVE THANKS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth, and the other Ex. Companions who acted as Scrutineers for services rendered in the election of the officers of Grand Chapter.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO LONDON COMPANIONS

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. F. R. Martin, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Canada be tendered to the Companions of the City of London for the splendid manner in which the arrangements have been carried out by them for the reception and entertainment of the delegates in attendance. Especially are we pleased for the courtesies extended to our guests, as well as to the ladies, who accompanied the delegates. This Annual Convocation, we feel sure, will be long remembered by those who had the pleasure of being present and participating.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE RETIRING GRAND Z.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and submitted to the Convocation by the Grand Second Principal:—That a Committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan in recognition of his services to the Royal Craft during his term of office as Grand Z.

The Committee subsequently appointed were:—R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price and M. Ex. Comp. George Moore.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, assisted by several R. Ex. Companions then proceeded with the Installation and the Investiture of the newly-elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

INSTALLING BOARD RECEIVE THANKS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Tow, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. George L. Gardiner, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, who had charge of the Installation Ceremony, and those who assisted him, for the able manner in which the Ceremony had been performed.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE

The following appointments by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. were subsequently announced:—

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTED

R. Ex. Comp.	George L. Gardiner	Toronto
" "	Frank Ebbitt	Iroquois Falls
" "	C. H. C. Wright	Toronto
" "	A. D. MacIntyre	Ayr
" "	John Marr	Toronto

ASSISTANT OFFICERS

R. Ex. Comp.	J. Austin Evans, Toronto	Grand Lecturer
V. "	Charles Irwain Tenant, Dawson, Y.T.	Grand Sr. Sojourner
V. "	Thomas Cousins, London	Grand Jr. Sojourner
V. "	William Meredith Jermyn, Whitby	Grand Sword Bearer
V. "	William W. Ash, Toronto	Grand Master 1st Veil
V. "	Edgar Ashton McCubbin, Windsor	Grand Master 2nd Veil
V. "	James S. McCullough, New Liskeard	Grand Master 3rd Veil
V. "	Harold Stanworth, Port Arthur	Grand Master 4th Veil
V. "	William Irvine Cole, Corbyville	Grand Standard Bearer
V. "	Joseph E. Baker, Toronto	Grand D. of Ceremonies
V. "	Harry Augustine Johnson, Simcoe	Grand Organist
V. "	Alexander Beith Gardiner, Newmarket	Grand Pursuivant
V. "	Edward Warren Burleigh, Petrolia	Grand Steward
V. "	Isaac T. Stickwood, Toronto	Grand Steward

V.	"	"	James Asabel Smith, North Bay	Grand Steward
V.	"	"	Ernest Clifford How- ard, Gananoque	Grand Steward
V.	"	"	George Coryndon Coles, Collingwood	Grand Steward
V.	"	"	John MacGregor Mac- Kenzie, Milton	Grand Steward
V.	"	"	Herbert Edward Sin- clair, Carleton Place	Grand Steward
V.	"	"	Harold Hall, Palmer- ston	Grand Steward
V.	"	"	Stanley J. Coghlin, Listowel	Grand Steward
V.	"	"	Frank Hays, Smith- ville	Grand Steward

The labours of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 1.25 o'clock p.m., London, Thursday, February 23rd, 1928.

Henry J. Smith,

Grand Scribe E.



GRAND CHAPTER BANQUET

At the conclusion of the proceedings of Grand Chapter on Wednesday afternoon, February 22nd, the newly-elected Grand Superintendents were instructed by the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, in the duties of their office. In the forepart of the evening the guests of Grand Chapter and the Grand Superintendents, with M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan presiding, dined together at the Hotel London.

Later in the evening the Grand Z. with the invited guests and others attended a Convocation of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, and witnessed a splendid rendition of the Mark Master Mason degree according to the revised Ritual.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, Port Credit, Grand H.,
President.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M. Ex. Comp.	Michael Walsh	Ingersoll
M. " "	George Moore	Hamilton
M. " "	F. W. Harcourt	Toronto
M. " "	A. S. Gorrell	Regina
M. " "	W. N. Ponton	Belleville
M. " "	R. H. Spencer	Trenton
M. " "	W. H. Davis	Hamilton
M. " "	K. J. Dunstan	Toronto
M. " "	Edwin Smith, Grand Z.	London
M. " "	Harry H. Watson	Vancouver
M. " "	E. T. Malone	Toronto
M. " "	John M. Gibson	Hamilton
R. " "	C. W. Haentschel, Grand J.	Haileybury

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

R. Ex. Comp.	Henry T. Smith, Toronto	Grand Scribe E.
R. " "	George W. Slack, Toronto	Grand Scribe N.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—ELECTED

R. Ex. Comp.	A. Cowan	Barrie
R. " "	Oliver Ellwood	London
R. " "	M. E. Sherwood	Woodstock
R. " "	W. Y. Mills	Kingston
R. " "	J. J. Gardiner	Ottawa

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—APPOINTED

R. Ex. Comp.	George L. Gardiner	Toronto
R. " "	Frank Ebbitt	Iroquois Falls
R. " "	C. H. C. Wright	Toronto
R. " "	A. D. MacIntyre	Ayr
R. " "	John Marr	Toronto

SUB-COMMITTEES

GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS

M. Ex. Comps. George Moore (Chairman), M. Walsh, F. W. Harcourt, A. S. Gorrell, W. N. Ponton, R. H. Spencer, W. H. Davis, Kenneth J. Dunstan, Harry H. Watson, E. T. Malone, John M. Gibson.

BENEVOLENCE

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. J. B. Nixon, Walter G. Price.

AUDIT AND FINANCE

R Ex. Comps. O. Ellwood (Chairman), M. E. Sherwood, William J. Haydon, William L. Stewart, Ex. Comp. J. J. Gardiner.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

R. Ex. Comps. A. Cowan (Chairman), Gordon B. Jackson, James Shrubsole, Frank Ebbitt.

WARRANTS

R. Ex. Comps. W. Y. Mills (Chairman), H. A. Miller, C. H. Stringer, W. F. McMahon, William Sutherland.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

R. Ex. Comps. George L. Gardiner (Chairman), Thomas W. Solmes, Edward J. McCleery, Daniel W. Cameron, George H. Ross.

CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

M. Ex. Comps. E. T. Malone (Chairman), F. W. Harcourt, John M. Gibson.

FRATERNAL DEAD

R. Ex. Comps. C. H. C. Wright (Chairman), Albert P. Goering, James Ritchie, Wallace W. Wees, James A. Orr, Charles W. McLean.

PRINTING COMMITTEE

R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith (Chairman), Henry A. Miller, Gordon B. Jackson.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

R. Ex. Comps. John Marr (Chairman), B. Cairns, W. J. Armstrong.

FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton (Chairman).

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

R. Ex. Comps. A. D. MacIntyre (Chairman), W. J. Wadsworth.

LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. William J. Haydon,
Chatham

No.		No.	
47. Wellington.....	Chatham	119. King Cyrus.....	Leamington
71. Pr. of Wales.....	Amherstburg	153. Sombra.....	Wallaceburg
73. Erie.....	Ridgetown	164. Lorne.....	West Lorne
80. Ark.....	Windsor	239. Blenheim	Blenheim
88. MacNabb	Dresden		

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. William L. Stewart, London.

No.		No.	
3. St. John's.....	London	78. Minnewawa.....	Parkhill
5. St. George's.....	London	81. Aylmer.....	Aylmer
15. Wawanosh.....	Sarnia	150. London.....	London
53. Bruce.....	Petrolia	214. Vimy.....	Inwood
54. Palestine.....	St. Thomas	238. St. Andrew.....	London
74. Beaver.....	Strathroy	242. St. Paul's.....	Lambeth
		247. Nilestown.....	Nilestown

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. William A. Sutherland,
Ingersoll.

No.		No.	
18. Oxford.....	Woodstock	41. Harris.....	Ingersoll
20. Mount Horeb.....	Brantford	115. Brant.....	Paris
23. Ezra.....	Simcoe		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. James Ritchie, Guelph.

No.		No.	
32. Waterloo.....	Galt	117. Kitchener.....	Kitchener
40. Guelph.....	Guelph	218. Prince Edward.....	Shelburne
67. Enterprise	Palmerston	221. Durham.....	Durham
83. Ionic.....	Orangeville	234. Halton	Georgetown
		245. Preston	Preston

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Albert P. Goering,
Hamilton.

No.		No.	
2.	The Hiram.....Hamilton	155.	Ancaster.....Ancaster
6.	St. John's.....Hamilton	175.	The Hamilton.....Hamilton
75.	St. Clair.....Milton	224.	Keystone.....Hamilton
104.	White Oak.....Oakville	236.	Caledonia.....Caledonia
		243.	McKay.....Stoney Creek

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. George H. Ross, Wingham.

No.		No.	
24.	Tecumseh.....Stratford	84.	Lebanon.....Wingham
30.	Huron.....Goderich	129.	Elliot.....Mitchell
46.	St. James.....St. Marys	130.	Chantry.....Southampton
63.	Havelock.....Kincardine	146.	Bernard.....Listowel
86.	The Malloch.....Seaforth	147.	Lucknow.....Lucknow

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Charles H. Stringer,
Niagara Falls.

No.		No.	
19.	Mt. Moriah ..St. Catharines	64.	Willson.....Welland
29.	McCallum.....Dunnville	69.	Grimsby.....Grimsby
55.	Niagara.....Niagara	76.	Mt. Nebo.....Niagara Falls
57.	King Hiram.....Pt. Colborne	184.	Hugh Murray ..Bridgeburg
		240.	Smithville.....Smithville

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT, NO. 8

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Henry A. Miller, Toronto.

No.		No.	
4.	St. Andrew and St. John.....Toronto	135.	Succoth.....Uxbridge
8.	King Solomon's.....Toronto	145.	The St. Patrick.....Toronto
60.	Doric.....Newmarket	163.	The Beaches.....Toronto
62.	York.....Toronto	205.	Victoria.....Thornhill
65.	St. Paul's.....Toronto	217.	St. Alban's.....Toronto
79.	Orient.....Toronto	225.	Beaver.....Toronto
		235.	Aurora.....Aurora
		241.	University.....Toronto

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TORONTO WEST DISTRICT, NO. 8A

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Gordon B. Jackson,
Cooksville.

No.		No.	
77.	Occident.....Toronto	219.	Ulster.....Toronto
91.	Antiquity.....Toronto	220.	Lebanon.....Lambton Mills
138.	Shekinah.....Toronto	230.	Port Credit.....Port Credit
185.	Toronto.....Toronto	231.	St. Clair.....Toronto
195.	Peel.....Brampton	232.	King Cyrus.....Toronto
212.	Mount Sinai.....Toronto	233.	Oakwood.....Toronto
215.	Mimico.....Mimico	246.	Humber.....Weston

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. James Shrubsole, Barrie.

No.		No.	
27.	Manitou.....Collingwood	86.	Macpherson.....Meaford
34.	Signet.....Barrie	131.	Amabel.....Wiarton
56.	Georgian.....Owen Sound	167.	Kichikewana.....Midland
70.	Grand River.....Bracebridge	198.	Couchiching.....Orillia

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. William F. McMahon,
Port Hope.

No.		No.	
28.	Pentalpha.....Oshawa	94.	Midland.....Lindsay
35.	Keystone.....Whitby	110.	Warkworth.....Warkworth
36.	Corinthian.....Peterboro'	134.	King Darius.....Cannington
37.	Victoria.....Port Hope	139.	St. Andrew's.....Havelock
45.	Excelsior.....Colborne	168.	Ionic.....Campbellford
48.	St. John's.....Cobourg	249.	Palestine.....Bowmanville

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Thomas W. Solmes, Stirling.

No.		No.	
7.	The Moira.....Belleville	72.	Keystone.....Stirling
26.	St. Mark's.....Trenton	144.	Presque Isle.....Brighton
31.	Prince Edward.....Picton	161.	Madoc.....Madoc
44.	Mount Sinai.....Napane	227.	Quinte Friendship Belleville

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. McLean,
Brockville.

No.		No.	
1.	Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui.....Kingston	100.	St. Lawrence.....Brockville
22.	Grenville.....Prescott	112.	St. John's.....Morrisburg
59.	Sussex.....Brockville	113.	Covenant.....Cornwall
68.	Maitland.....N. Augusta	132.	Leeds.....Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Edward J. McCleery,
Ottawa.

No.		No.	
16.	Carleton.....Ottawa	148.	St. John's.....Vankleek Hill
61.	Granite.....Almonte	151.	Laurentian.....Pembroke
114.	Bonnechere.....Renfrew	210.	Kitchener.....Russell
116.	Maple.....Carleton Pl.	222.	Ottawa.....Ottawa
133.	St. Francis.....Smith's Falls	226.	Prince of Wales.....Perth
143.	Glengarry.....Maxville	248.	Dochert.....Arnprior

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Wallace W. Wees,
Fort Frances.

No.		No.	
82.	Shuniah.....Port Arthur	149.	Atwood.....Rainy River
90.	Golden.....Kenora	152.	Alberton.....Ft. Francis
140.	Ft. William.....Ft. William		

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 15

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. James A. Orr, Sudbury.

No.		No.	
58.	Pembroke.....Mattawa	102.	Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie
95.	Tuscan.....Sudbury	103.	St. John's.....North Bay

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT, NO. 16

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Daniel W. Cameron,
Cochrane.

No.		No.	
169.	Temiskaming..... New Liskeard	213.	Northern Lights.....Timmins
203.	Cobalt.....Cobalt	223.	Abitibi.....Iroquois Falls
		244.	Cochrane.....Cochrane

UNATTACHED

Acting Grand Superintendent—Ex. Comp. John R. Fraser,
Dawson City, Y.T.

No. 154.	Klondike.....	Dawson, Y.T.
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CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
1	Anct. Frontenac and Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	Third Friday.....
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton.....	Fourth Friday.....
3	St. John's.....	London.....	Fourth Wednesday.....
4	St. And. and St. John	Toronto.....	Third Friday.....
5	St. George's.....	London.....	Fourth Friday.....
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	Second Thursday.....
7	The Moira.....	Belleville.....	First Tuesday.....
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Thursday.....
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	Second Friday.....
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....	Third Wednesday.....
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	Third Friday.....
19	Mt. Moriah.....	St. Catharines.....	Second Friday.....
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford.....	First Friday.....
22	Grenville.....	Prescott.....	Second Tuesday.....
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe.....	Thursday af. f. m.....
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	Fourth Friday.....
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton.....	Third Tuesday.....
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood.....	Fourth Friday.....
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa.....	First Tuesday.....
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville.....	Third Thursday.....
30	Huron.....	Goderich.....	Third Tuesday.....
31	Prince Edward.....	Pictou.....	Monday on or af. f. m.....
32	Waterloo.....	Galt.....	Second Monday.....
34	Signet.....	Barrie.....	Second Tuesday.....
35	Keystone.....	Whitby.....	Third Friday.....
36	Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	Fourth Friday.....
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope.....	Second Friday.....
40	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	Second Friday.....
41	Harris.....	Ingersoll.....	Second Friday.....
44	Mount Sinai.....	Napanee.....	Wednesday af. f. m.....
45	Excelsior.....	Colborne.....	First Tuesday.....
46	St. James.....	St. Mary's.....	Second Monday.....
47	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	Second Thursday.....
48	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	Fourth Tuesday.....
53	Bruce.....	Petrolia.....	Third Wednesday.....
54	Palestine.....	St. Thomas.....	Second Thursday.....
55	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	First Friday af. f. m.....
56	Georgian.....	Owen Sound.....	Third Tuesday.....
57	King Hiram.....	Port Colborne.....	First Thursday.....
58	Pembroke.....	Mattawa.....	Third Tuesday.....
59	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	Second Wednesday.....
60	Doric.....	Newmarket.....	First Wednesday.....
61	Granite.....	Almonte.....	Second Thursday.....
62	York.....	Toronto.....	Second Friday.....
63	Havelock.....	Kincardine.....	Third Friday.....
64	Willson.....	Welland.....	Last Wednesday.....
65	St. Paul's.....	Toronto.....	Second Wednesday.....
66	The Malloch.....	Seaforth.....	Third Monday.....
67	Enterprise.....	Palmerston.....	Second Tuesday.....
68	Maitland.....	N. Augusta.....	First Monday.....
69	Grimsby.....	Grimsby.....	First Monday.....
70	Grand River.....	Bracebridge.....	Third Thursday.....
71	Prince of Wales.....	Amherstburg.....	First Friday.....
72	Keystone.....	Stirling.....	Second Monday b. f. m.....
73	Erie.....	Ridgetown.....	Monday af. f. m.....
74	Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	First Monday.....
75	St. Clair.....	Milton.....	Thursday af. f. m.....
76	Mount Nebo.....	Niagara Falls.....	Third Friday.....
77	Occident.....	Toronto.....	Second Friday.....
78	Minnewawa.....	Parkhill.....	First Wednesday af. f. m.....
79	Orient.....	Toronto.....	Second Thursday.....
80	Ark.....	Windsor.....	First Monday.....
81	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	First Friday.....
82	Shuniah.....	Port Arthur.....	Third Wednesday.....
83	Ionic.....	Orangeville.....	Second Tuesday.....

CHAPTER RETURNS TO 31st DECEMBER, 1927

Chapter No.	First Principal Z. for the Year 1928	Scribe E. for the Year 1928	Members 31st Dec., 1926	Admission	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Members 31st Dec., 1927	Increase	Decrease
1	J. Bleakley	R. S. Graham	400	9	1		6		4	400		
2	Lyman Lee	D. R. Gibson	542	10	2		6	17	6	525		17
3	W. J. Kilpatrick	O. Ellwood	419	12		2	3	16	4	410		9
4	S. R. A. Clement	J. J. Andrews	363	11	1		15	15	6	339		24
5	F. J. Delaney	H. E. Abell	469	9	1		2	12	4	461		8
6	George W. Britton	George H. Britton	514	5			3		11	505		9
7	S. C. Licence	C. B. Seantlebury	332	13	1		7	6	2	331		1
8	Frank Francis	Stanley G. Tinker	375	12	2		8	7	3	371		4
15	A. Chalmers	W. W. Simpson	379	10		1	3		9	378		1
16	Fred G. Smith	H. A. McCallum	344	3			2		3	342		2
18	W. H. Thompson	R. Y. Morrison	206	5		1			3	209		3
19	Harry Rule	A. N. Lindsay	299	15	2		1	3	2	310	11	
20	G. F. Trenwith	F. S. Blain	277	10	1				1	287	10	
22	James Schlichter	C. M. Scobie	121	5					2	124	3	
23	John Anguish	A. R. Smith	169	3		1	2		3	168		1
24	W. H. Gregory	J. Stevenson	288	1	1		3	1	1	285		3
26	H. F. Stickwood	M. W. Anderson	189	16	1			2	2	202	13	
27	W. P. Dey	W. H. Whipps	177	12			4		1	184	7	
28	C. S. Stenhouse	S. J. Babe	179	13	2		1	5		188	9	
29	R. R. Congdon	J. E. Yocom	114	1	1				2	114		
30	A. J. Mackay	H. C. Dunlop	153	7	1		2		1	158	5	
31	C. A. Wright	J. L. Graydon	180	7			1		4	182	2	
32	A. G. Malcolm	James Ritchie	155	3		1	5	1	1	152		3
34	O. D. Williams	J. W. Merrick	257	4	1	1	5		1	257		
35	Fred T. Rowe	W. M. Jermyn	129	9					2	136	7	
36	J. H. Miller	C. B. Adair	275	15					2	288	13	
37	H. J. C. Beatty	J. W. Sanders	186	1			2		3	182		4
40	C. F. Griffenham	R. M. Finlay	258	21	2		7		1	273	15	
41	R. S. Clark	J. W. Manzer	93	3	2				1	97	4	
44	G. W. Cuppage	E. J. Walters	143	6					2	147	4	
45	J. R. Hancock	J. T. Gordon	59	6		4		1	2	66	7	
46	N. L. Brandon	W. F. Jacobi	93				2	11	1	79		14
47	V. R. Weatherhead	J. G. Martin	314	23	3		1	6	5	328	14	
48	W. J. Youden	C. R. Gummow	96	4	1				2	99	3	
53	N. C. Hibbert	J. E. Wismer	174	9					2	181	7	
54	W. C. Miller	H. Mortin	413	8			1	4	6	410		3
55	J. Lutz	A. J. Wood	84	2	1		1	3		83		1
56	E. J. Sinil	G. E. Atkey	169	2	2		2		1	170	1	
57	W. H. Cowan	J. S. Allen	81	2			1			82	1	
58	W. J. Jardine	J. D. MacDonald	49						1	48		1
59	C. A. Beattie	Albert L. Stein	242	7			3	8	3	235		7
60	Walter C. Brown	A. C. West	70	7	1		1	1	1	75	5	
61	W. M. Johnson	E. J. Lee	64	3					2	65	1	
62	Ben. Logie	W. E. Hofland	200	5			5	13	5	182		18
63	Sam McKenzie	Earl Hall	94	11	1			2	4	100	6	
64	J. C. Gothard	Geo. Wells	200	8	1		2		1	206	6	
65	W. D. Greer	L. C. Evans	231	2	2		4	5	5	221		10
66	J. A. Petrie	A. M. Barton	64	8			1			71	7	
67	Harold Hall	David Wilson	110	1		1	2			110		
68	Harry L. Hill	W. W. Babier	46	2					2	46		
69	J. H. Wells	W. F. Randall	135	4	1	1	7	5	4	125		10
70	C. Spreadborough	W. G. Gerhart	93	3				4		92		1
71	P. G. French	H. H. Courtney	131	5	2			3	1	134	3	
72	Geo. E. Sine	James McC. Potts	109	8	1	2		7	3	110	1	
73	J. G. Montgomery	Thos. E. Armstrong	147	6			1		1	151	4	
74	G. F. McFadden	R. M. Trueman	111	4				9		106		5
75	J. M. Mackenzie	Wm. Panton	90	7		4	1	1	2	97	7	
76	S. J. Escott	J. R. Weare	256	7		1	4	11	1	248		8
77	J. A. Graveley	S. G. Newdick	700	4			9	9	10	676		24
78	J. C. Dawson	J. H. Young	139	6	1		2	8	2	134		5
79	Chas. H. Allen	D. S. L. MacDougall	324	7	2		7	7	2	317		7
80	Chas. S. Smith	P. J. McConnell	584	24	2	1	3		4	604	20	
81	C. B. Montieth	Wm. Stevenson	103	1			2		1	101		2
82	H. Lovelady	A. P. Freed	321	11	2	2	2		4	330	9	
83	Wm. W. Marshall	G. B. Hayes	193	7				1	5	194	1	

CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
84	Lebanon.....	Wingham.....	Third Tuesday.....
86	Macpherson.....	Meaford.....	Third Thursday.....
88	MacNabb.....	Dresden.....	Thursday af. t. m.....
90	Golden.....	Kenora.....	Third Friday.....
91	Antiquity.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Wednesday.....
94	Midland.....	Lindsay.....	Third Thursday.....
95	Tuscan.....	Sudbury.....	Second Tuesday.....
100	St. Lawrence.....	Brockville.....	First Thursday.....
102	Algonquin.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Fourth Friday.....
103	St. John's.....	North Bay.....	First Thursday.....
104	White Oak.....	Oakville.....	Third Tuesday.....
110	Warkworth.....	Warkworth.....	Monday after First Wed.....
112	St. John's.....	Morrisburg.....	Third Friday.....
113	Covenant.....	Cornwall.....	Third Wednesday.....
114	Bonnechere.....	Renfrew.....	Third Monday.....
115	Brant.....	Paris.....	Third Monday.....
116	Maple.....	Carleton Place.....	First Wednesday.....
117	Kitchener.....	Kitchener.....	Third Friday.....
119	King Cyrus.....	Leamington.....	Monday af. f. m.....
129	Elliot.....	Mitchell.....	Second Tuesday af. f.m.....
130	Chantry.....	Southampton.....	Tuesday b. f. m.....
131	Amabel.....	Warton.....	First Thursday.....
132	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	First Thursday.....
133	St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	Second Friday af. f. m.....
134	King Darius.....	Cannington.....	Wednesday af. f. m.....
135	Succoth.....	Uxbridge.....	Second Thursday.....
138	Shekinah.....	Toronto.....	Second Tuesday.....
139	St. Andrew's.....	Havelock.....	Fourth Monday.....
140	Fort William.....	Fort William.....	First Friday.....
143	Glengarry.....	Maxville.....	Fourth Friday.....
144	Presque Isle.....	Brighton.....	Third Tuesday.....
145	The St. Patrick.....	Toronto.....	Third Saturday.....
146	Bernard.....	Listowel.....	Friday af. f. m.....
147	Lucknow.....	Lucknow.....	Tuesday af. f. m.....
148	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill.....	First Friday.....
149	Atwood.....	Rainy River.....	Third Thursday.....
150	London.....	London.....	Third Tuesday.....
151	Laurentian.....	Pembroke.....	Third Thursday.....
152	Alberton.....	Fort Frances.....	Second Tuesday.....
153	Sombra.....	Wallaceburg.....	Second Tuesday.....
154	Klondike.....	Dawson.....	Third Thursday.....
155	Ancaster.....	Ancaster.....	Tuesday af. f. m.....
161	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	Tuesday af. f. m.....
163	The Beaches.....	Toronto.....	First Monday.....
164	Lorne.....	West Lorne.....	Wednesday af. f. m.....
167	Kichikewana.....	Midland.....	Fourth Friday.....
168	Ionic.....	Campbellford.....	Second Tuesday.....
169	Temiskaming.....	New Liskeard.....	First Wednesday.....
175	The Hamilton.....	Hamilton.....	Third Tuesday.....
184	Hugh Murray.....	Bridgeburg.....	Second Tuesday.....
185	Toronto.....	Toronto.....	Third Monday.....
195	Peel.....	Brampton.....	First Tuesday.....
198	Couchiching.....	Orillia.....	Second Friday.....
203	Cobalt.....	Cobalt.....	Third Tuesday.....
205	Victoria.....	Thornhill.....	Third Wednesday.....
210	Kitchener.....	Russell.....	First Friday.....
212	Mount Sinai.....	Toronto.....	First Tuesday.....
213	Northern Lights.....	Timmins.....	Third Wednesday.....
214	Vimy.....	Inwood.....	Monday af. f. m.....
215	Mimico.....	Mimico.....	First Wednesday.....
217	St. Alban's.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Tuesday.....
218	Prince Edward.....	Shelburne.....	Third Friday.....
219	Ulster.....	Toronto.....	Fourth Wednesday.....
220	Lebanon.....	Lambton Mills.....	Second Wednesday.....

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84	T. McK. Smith	E. J. Nash	140	1			1	5		135		5
86	T. H. Randle	F. H. Finley	81	3	1			3		82	1	
88	Russell Dusten	John French	87	3				1		89	2	
90	H. H. Tate	H. S. Galloway	185	8			2	3		188	3	
91	J. J. Herb	Jas. Herriot	495	25	1		4	8	3	506	11	
94	W. G. McCarty	C. L. Davidson	179	4			2			180	1	
95	W. J. Hambley	James A. Orr	230	6	2	1		1		237	7	
100	H. E. Gardiner	Geo. W. Morrison	188	8				14	1	181		7
102	J. B. Wilson	W. J. W. Johnston	325	10		1	2	3	5	325		
103	F. C. J. Foster	B. F. Nott	143	7				4	2	144	1	
104	W. H. King	C. Dickinson	81	2			1			82	1	
110	J. L. Phillips	H. S. Allen	62	9				2		69	7	
112	O. W. Duprau	Will C. Davy	98	2			5	5	3	87		11
113	John Snyder	J. Ridley	186							186		
114	H. S. T. Guest	J. F. Mayhew	102	4	1		2	1	2	102		
115	W. W. Tough	J. B. Appleby	143	5			1	1	1	145	2	
116	H. E. Menzies	D. H. McIntosh	121	5						126	5	
117	E. J. Payson	Geo. De Kleinhaus	195	9			3	7	2	192		3
119	E. J. Atkin	Alvin Bunn	159	5			2		1	161	2	
129	T. C. L. Stuart	Wm. Babb	67	2						69	2	
130	Fred Piper	R. B. Hillmer	64	8			1	2	1	68	4	
131	L. E. Dobson	S. E. Foster	54		1		1	4	1	49		5
132	R. E. Lewis	H. F. Ward	99					1		98		1
133	Clifford Eaton	G. W. Fluker	126	3						129	3	
134	Thos. D. Bell	E. M. Bigg	51	5		2			2	56	5	
135	Harold J. Cave	V. M. Hare	147	6		1	4	3	3	144		3
138	F. G. Sawyer	W. J. Wadsworth	356	3			4	17	2	336		20
139	Wm. Anderson	Robt. Anderson	91	1				1		91		
140	R. Dagger	Oliver Coles	317	7	1	2	2	2	4	319	2	
143	R. A. Stewart	D. P. McDiarmid	58	1				1		58		
144	R. J. Taylor	Vernon Coulter	64				1	2		61		3
145	H. W. Thompson	W. R. Ledger	723	15	1		7	8	8	716		7
146	Stanley Coghlin	Noah Blackmore	112	20	2					134	22	
147	T. S. Reid	A. E. McKim	42	1			1		1	41		1
148	W. R. Hall	A. D. McRae	38	2			1			39	1	
149	L. L. Budreau	Victor H. Ricci	81	4			1			83	2	
150	W. N. Legg	J. H. C. Woodward	309	10		2		4	1	316	7	
151	C. W. Fraser	S. E. Smyth	68	1		1	1			69	1	
152	H. Holbeck	J. R. Angus	122	13				4		131	9	
153	W. S. Rose	D. F. Johnson	99	5	2	1		1	1	105	6	
154	J. N. Spence	Arthur Coldrick	115	2	1		2		1	115		
155	A. V. Mason	James Pickard	162	5				2	1	164	2	
161	T. E. Laycock	Geo. M. Wright	202	16	1		2	2	2	215	13	
163	C. H. Smart	R. E. Miller	136	6	1			1		142	6	
164	J. D. McKillop	A. W. Smith	92	3			1	2	1	91		1
167	Geo. Ross	R. D. Keefe	171	9	2					182	11	
168	Eric G. Tinney	Wesley Stephens	121	6			6	2	1	118		3
169	Roy W. O'Hara	J. H. Brown	170	13	1	2		4	2	180	10	
175	R. C. Ripley	S. Vila	124	4	1		1		2	125	2	
184	J. H. Sampson	John A. North	85	1			1	2	4	79		6
185	C. E. Wilson	J. R. Bulmer	327	4			9	4	2	316		11
195	L. Muckle	R. V. Conover	124	5	2		1			130	6	
198	B. H. Price	H. McClellan	138	6			1	2		141	3	
203	D. W. McLeod	J. H. Murray	142	23			2	5	3	155	13	
205	J. H. Roberts	J. E. Francis	71	9				3	1	76	5	
210	J. A. Mitchell	Andrew Walker	73	1			2	6		66		7
212	Bernard Seigler	Harry Melvin	153	9			11	7		144		9
213	W. Dalzell	S. T. Walker	132	3		2	3	10	1	123		9
214	Henry G. Laws	Foster W. Smith	53				3			50		3
215	Thos. H. Sumner	E. J. Everett	121	6	2	2		2	1	128	7	
217	L. F. Barnes	G. T. Gardiner	182	7			3	3	1	182		
218	J. H. Zinn	F. O. Fleming	57	2						59	2	
219	Wm. Bush	Jas. Gillespie	176	7	1		1			183	7	
220	Joseph F. Molloy	J. T. Phillips	67	2	1			1		69	2	

CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
221	Durham.....	Durham	Third Monday.....
222	Ottawa.....	Ottawa	Third Monday
223	Abitibi.....	Iroquois Falls	Fourth Friday.....
224	Keystone.....	Hamilton	First Monday
225	Beaver	Toronto	Second Wednesday.....
226	Prince of Wales.....	Perth.....	Third Monday
227	Quinte Friendship..	Belleville	Second Tuesday.....
230	Port Credit.....	Port Credit	First Friday
231	The St. Clair	Toronto	Fourth Thursday
232	King Cyrus.....	Toronto.....	Second Monday.....
233	Oakwood.....	Toronto.....	First Thursday
234	Halton.....	Georgetown.....	Third Friday.....
235	Aurora.....	Aurora.....	Third Friday.....
236	Caledonia.....	Caledonia.....	Fourth Thursday.....
238	The St. Andrew	London.....	Second Wednesday.....
239	Blenheim.....	Blenheim.....	First Wednesday.....
240	Smithville.....	Smithville.....	Second Tuesday.....
241	University.....	Toronto.....	First Tuesday.....
242	St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	First Tuesday.....
243	McKay.....	Stoney Creek.....	First Wednesday.....
244	Cochrane.....	Cochrane.....	First Tuesday
245	Preston.....	Preston.....	Third Monday
246	Humber.....	Weston.....	Third Thursday.....
247	Nilestown.....	Nilestown.....	Third Thursday.....
248	Dochert	Arnprior	First Monday
249	Palestine.....	Bowmanville	Third Monday

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221	J. F. Grant	W. S. Hunter	69	3						72	3	
222	S. D. Hill	J. W. Montgomery	139	4			5	2		136		3
223	Thos. Mills	J. R. Spence	74	3			2			75	1	
224	John S. Drysdale	Fred R. Martin	145	17	2		4	3	2	155	10	
225	Jas. Alcorn	J. E. Baker	256	7	2		5			260	4	
226	A. H. McLaren	P. O. McLaren	53	2			1			54	1	
227	J. B. Findlay	H. A. Lennox	109	6				1		114	5	
230	C. H. Burgess	Wm. A. Maxwell	56	11	2		1			68	12	
231	Kenzie Thomson	G. J. Wolfran	156	29	4		2	2	1	184	28	
232	Earle M. Grose	Geo. F. Hills	156	25	2		3	4	3	173	17	
233	W. M. Maltby	A. W. Acheson	101	5	1		5		2	100		1
234	Wm. H. Long	H. G. Meir	97	6	2		2			103	6	
235	G. E. Underhill	F. R. Underhill	55	1				1	1	54		1
236	H. C. Howden	M. E. Foster	46	2	1					49	3	
238	R. L. Armstrong	Jos. C. Ball	81	19	2		3		1	98	17	
239	Thomas C. Warwick	J. L. Rutherford	82	5	3					90	8	
240	W. R. Kelly	C. A. Griffin	73	1			1			73		
241	G. W. Loughheed	P. W. Rogers	134	7	1		4			138	4	
242	David Irwin	J. C. Crinklaw	55	4	1			4	1	55		
243	Ira A. Lee	R. Wray	42	1	1		3	1		40		2
244	H. E. McGill	R. C. H. Mahon	45	3			1			47	2	
245	W. D. Thompson	H. L. Clare	36	5						41	5	
246	S. J. Totten	Chas. W. Long	58	7	1		2			64	6	
247	Thos. Beattie	G. H. Martin	31							31		
248	A. S. McLaren	H. Newham		19	11					30	30	
249	Fred. C. Hoar	J. R. Stutt			19					19	19	
			25,815	1,028	125	40	290	376	265	26,077	586	32

RECAPITULATION

Number of Chapters	155	
Number of Members, December 31st, 1926		25,815
Number of Registration, December 31st, 1927	1,028	
Number of Joinings, December 31st, 1927	125	
Number of Restorations, December 31st, 1927	40	
	1,193	
Number of Withdrawals, December 31st, 1927	290	
Number of Suspensions, December 31st, 1927	376	
Number of Deaths, December 31st, 1927	265	
	931	
Net Gain		262
Total Membership, December 31st, 1927		26,077

SUSPENSIONS

Chapter

- No. 2. John Laird, Myles Fletcher, W. J. Trotter, William R. Leckie, Mark Dearing, Orton Smith, Gordon Forstner, D. R. Laver, H. F. Everett, Robert J. Allen, Alfred Vardy, William Matches, J. H. Foster, Albert H. Clegg, Guy H. Pugh, John McLachlan, Michel Levi.
- No. 3. John Crawford, W. S. Davidson, G. W. Fawkes, John Griffith, W. L. Marshall, Alex. Mason, Jos. R. Mitchelltree, J. W. Purdom, J. C. Robinson, R. E. Sage, A. M. Sheridan, W. H. Smith, C. F. Spreiser, A. H. Trebilcock, F. R. Watkinson, Roy W. Williams.
- No. 4. Malcolm J. Ross, Morville Rutherford, William J. Underwood, Laurie Blumberg, William Anthony Brown, Allan R. Colvill, T. J. R. Dewar, Alfred John Davis, Edward Green, R. J. Henderson, Robert Johnston, Robert Lawton, H. B. Johnston, Alfred Inglis Moulde, James B. McIntyre.
- No. 5. Roland Munro, Robert Albert Brown, William Routledge, Ross Robertson McKay, Fred Raymond Taylor, Arthur Morrison Cale, Thomas Scott, Thomas L. McKee, Edward Victor Smith, Daniel Joseph Freedy, Harold Wildgust, A. Robert Drennan.
- No. 7. Thomas Wesley Byam, Herbert H. Deyman, George P. Goodhue, Albert S. Large, James Marshall, Raymond M. Reid.
- No. 8. John Henry Bryan, Frederick John Griffiths, R. Haley, Joseph Henry Hughes, Wm. E. Logan, Gordon LeRoy Oliphant, Roland Toner.
- No. 19. Matthew Wilson, Wilfred Harrop, George J. Bowman.
- No. 26. Thomas Chilton Young, Thomas William Topping.
- No. 28. Harold Raeberne Frost, Russell Gordon Williams, Trevor Gerald Murton, Herbert Lee Quinn, Frederick Pawson.
- No. 32. Richard Robert Gatehouse.
- No. 45. C. L. Gall.
- No. 46. Arch Willard, Percy T. Coupland, Arthur Edward Johnston, Lawrence Gardiner Maxwell, Wilbert Lawrence Newton, Henry George Wilkinson, Reginald McRobb, Frederick W. Weeks, Wilfred Ellison Butcher, George Clarence Oliver, Mervin Gray Crozier.
- No. 47. Thomas M. Griffith, James D. Rutherford, Herbert Sloan, Lee E. Adams, William T. Taylor, Roy M. Brisco.
- No. 54. James Henry Babcock, Orlando James Beal, John Lewis Burger, Hugh Walter Patrick.

- No. 55. Lorenzo Everitt Brock, William John German, Charles William Inksater.
- No. 59. Morrison Donald Nicholson, George A. McGookin, Burton A. Fisher, John F. McCaw, J. C. Roy Copeland, Harold James Address, Frank Hermie Mallory, Albert Root.
- No. 60. Charles Watson Widdifield.
- No. 62. Harry Harvey Carl, Alfred Percival Nash, George W. Kemp, Harold L. Armstrong, William Henry Naylor, Frederick Walker, George W. Porter, Byron Gohn, Charles Collins, Frederick William Duff Smith, Robert Franklin Clark, Harry F. Dow, Alfred Lidgett Cumpston.
- No. 63. James McEwan, Archie J. Bell.
- No. 65. H. J. Bower, A. H. Britton, N. M. McLeod, J. F. S. Porter, C. Wansborough.
- No. 69. Harry C. Robinson, William McConnell, D. Lorn Baldwin, Ronald Hope Kidd, David Birrell.
- No. 70. Roy Walker, John Alexander McDonald, William Cochrane Simmons, Samuel Robert McClelland.
- No. 71. Mark Heaton, Lennox Thompson, Lorenzo C. Brush.
- No. 72. William Francis Elliott, George A. Bailey, George Henry Kingston, Norman Easterly, Milford Milton Meacham, Harold Hodge Carr, Victor Henry Longstaffe.
- No. 74. Robert Bellamy, Isaac Gibson, William R. Ballantine, William A. Drope, Leonard Brown, James L. Stephenson, Judson J. Davis, William Cartner, Albert Lucas.
- No. 74. Walter Ira Lott.
- No. 76. Thomas R. Gould, Walter J. Jones, E. A. Williams, Richard Smith, W. H. Wensley, M. Winterton, Albert W. Bogardus, W. S. Simpson, Thomas Badger, Harold Parry, C. G. Hine.
- No. 77. Charles A. Saunders, Thomas Bussey Wells, Fred Pearson, James H. Stewart, John A. Herrin, Peter James Wright, Harry Frederick Browne, Ernest Alfred Page, Henry W. Cooke.
- No. 78. Robert Archibald Donald, Arthur Henry Going, Robert MacKenzie, John Alexander Lock, Jonathan Brock, John Franklin Lindsay, Donald Egerton Chowen, Thomas Frances Whealen.
- No. 79. Arthur Wellesley Bradbury, Charles E. Coomb, Bertie Wm. Hillyer, Roger Preston, William Deans Strous, Sydney Tempest, Gordon M. Vipond.

- No. 83. Allan Loughheed Inkswell.
- No. 84. Gus H. Hansenflug, F. R. Guest, J. Hersin Irwin,
Robert C. Monroe, Clarence Armitage.
- No. 86. John Dolan, W. H. Hart, C. J. Loughheed.
- No. 91. Ogle R. Allen, Frederick L. Bass, Edward J.
Baker, Jas. H. Croden, James S. Creemer,
James A. Downton, Harold A. Griffiths,
William Inhelder.
- No. 95. John Mitchell Scott.
- No. 100. L. S. Davidson, A. W. Sutherland, C. L. Arnold,
C. A. McCalpin, Alex. McLean, N. B. Colcock,
R. A. Stevenson, C. E. McLean, George Ross,
C. N. Smith, F. J. Smith, T. L. Steele, N. S.
Nesbitt, A. J. McCready.
- No. 101. Abel Edgar Wade, H. B. Love, H. H. Thornton.
- No. 103. John Murphy Darling, David Darling, George P.
Angus, Percy F. Phippen.
- No. 110. Clarence Cryderman, Frederick Simmons.
- No. 112. Walter G. Beckstead, John Davis Dain, Walter Ed-
win Thom, Henry S. McDonald, Harry J.
Middagh.
- No. 114. Nelson Howard Norris.
- No. 115. W. G. Hancock.
- No. 117. Adison F. Armbrost, Dibert J. Pernfuss, Edward
C. Kadell, Ezra W. Schmitt, John H. Wood,
Isaac G. Trask, Joseph O. Thompson.
- No. 130. Ivan Clarke Byers, Roy Robertson.
- No. 131. Walter M. Newman, James Leslie Sinclair, William
James Brown, Russell Taylor.
- No. 135. Fred C. Madill, Will E. Tummonds, William S.
Short.
- No. 138. Commodore P. Wilson, Fred C. Johnston, William
G. Common, Graham H. Robinson, George F.
Edwards, Frank Ford, William H. Ford, John
A. Rose, George W. Lawson, Fred G.
Cubbridge, Robert Marshall, Joseph Calvert,
Robert L. Morgan, George B. Baby, William
George Sawyer, John Bentley, Alexander
Brown.
- No. 140. David Grey, Calvin M. Bromley.
- No. 144. James J. LaTour, John T. N. Atkin.
- No. 145. Cobin A. Cockburn, Charles A. Dickens, John A.
MacMurchy, H. A. McKim, Louis Skuce,
George J. Scott, A. F. Warren, E. R. William-
son.
- No. 150. Eddie Adolphus Evans, James Leslie Smith, David
Rose, Charles Samuel Morgan.
- No. 153. John Rodney.
- No. 155. Harvey Luck, James Moffatt.
- No. 164. George A. Parrott, George Brown.
- No. 168. James Jackson Bell, Alfred F. Fisher.

- No. 169. Frank Gory, Lorne A. Kennedy, James Stewart,
A. H. Stewart.
- No. 184. Norman D. Graham, George Carson.
- No. 185. Alfred T. Smith, Sanford Isaac Hill, Walter
James Boyd, William Bryan Clifton.
- No. 198. Charles B. Janis, William G. White.
- No. 203. H. J. Stewart, C. M. Thompson, T. L. Blodgett,
George G. Thomas, Murdoch Ross.
- No. 205. Russell Victor McFarlane, Stanley Rolph Robin-
son, Roy Cecil Radburn.
- No. 210. Samuel T. Barrington, William Cinnamon, A.
Gordon Gilroy, Simeon H. Hutt, Robert J.
Smith, J. Louis Hutt.
- No. 212. Boris Speyer, Isaac Centner, Arthur Isaacson,
Abraham Singer, Harry Solway, Solomon
Cohen, Rueben Cohen.
- No. 213. Frank Clarence Evans, Maxwell Smith, Hugh
Alexander Campbell, Harold Webb, April
Ethelbert Holditch, Roy H. Brown, John
Archibald McInnis, A. L. R. Bridge, James K.
Moore, Daniel Warren.
- No. 215. Thomas E. Bell, Lloyd H. Purvis.
- No. 217. Ernest Garner, William C. Legier, Melville W.
Bragg.
- No. 220. Norman R. Winter.
- No. 222. C. G. Walton, J. B. McGibbon, James Scott, P. J.
Pink, G. A. Holbrook.
- No. 224. Robert T. Anderson, Edward Schumaker, Arthur
Edwin Catchpole.
- No. 231. Charles Francis Ferguson, George Stanford.
- No. 232. Ernest R. Hall, Douglas W. F. Gray, J. C. Wilkin-
son, D. M. Wilkinson.
- No. 235. William Stevenson.
- No. 242. William White, James Gaimes, Wesley Irwin
Pincombe, Thomas Lewis.
- No. 243. Hugh A. Boden.

SUSPENDED FOR U. M. C.

Chapter

- No. 24. Peter Smith.
- No. 132. Harold J. Valteau.

RESTORATIONS

Chapter

- No. 3. A. C. Moffat, W. S. Thompson.
- No. 15. C. Noble Bedell.
- No. 18. John Silcox.
- No. 23. James Clement Edgworth.
- No. 32. Harry H. Whitehall.
- No. 34. Selby Gamble Smith.

- No. 45. Grant Redfern, Lorne Redfern, Stanley Oldham,
Simeon D. Scripture.
- No. 67. George Walker.
- No. 69. Charles J. Eames.
- No. 72. William M. Chandler, John A. McDonald.
- No. 75. Arthur Winn, John Thomas Cameron, George M.
Arnold, Hugh Dickie.
- No. 76. John W. Bowman.
- No. 80. Harold R. Hatcher.
- No. 82. Duncan L. McMillian, J. F. Gildea.
- No. 95. Harry E. Sheppard.
- No. 102. Clement A. Jordon.
- No. 134. Percy Byron, William Dick.
- No. 135. Dorsey Aydon Chapman.
- No. 140. Elgin F. Campbell, Clayton Henry Lundgren.
- No. 150. William Thomas Clark, William H. Lee.
- No. 151. W. H. Edwards.
- No. 153. John H. A. Fry.
- No. 169. William E. McCready, A. H. Stewart.
- No. 213. Frank Clarence Evans, Maxwell Smith.
- No. 215. Rueben J. Gregory, Henry J. Price.



"One by one we lose the hand-clasps
That so warm a welcome gave;
One by one, the voices silence
In the stillness of the grave.

"One by one, we miss the faces
Of the forms we once caressed;
One by one, their names are written:
'Ceased to labor,' 'Home,' 'At Rest.'"

THE GOD OF THINGS AS THEY ARE

When Earth's last picture is painted, and the tables
are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colours have faded, and the
youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it—lie down
for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall set us
to work anew!

And only the Master shall praise us, and only the
Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money; and no one shall
work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working, and each, in
his separate star,
Shall draw the Thing as he sees It, for the God of
Things as They are!

—*Kipling.*

R. EX. COMPANION

George J. Bennett

PAST GRAND SCRIBE E., AS WELL AS CHAIR-
MAN OF THE FRATERNAL CORRE-
SPONDENCE COMMITTEE FOR
MANY YEARS.

DIED SEPTEMBER 15th, 1927

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

H. A. McKibbin

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

DIED MARCH 10th, 1927

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Thomas Peters

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

DIED MAY 20th, 1927

WINDSOR, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James D. Weir

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

DIED JUNE 6th, 1927

KITCHENER, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

R. G. W. Connolly

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
NIAGARA DISTRICT; No. 7

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE MARYLAND

DIED JUNE 16th, 1927

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Charles Koelln

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

DIED JULY 14th, 1927

WALKERVILLE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Robert Pollock

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

DIED JULY 22nd, 1927

ALMONTE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Elijah Miller

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

DIED JULY 25th, 1927

KINCARDINE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Frank Hills

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE WASHINGTON

DIED OCTOBER 23rd, 1927

HAMILTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Henry G. Gorham

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

DIED OCTOBER 24th, 1927

RAINY RIVER, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Alexander G. Horwood

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE MISSOURI

DIED DECEMBER 24th, 1927

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

George K. Clemens

PAST GRAND SCRIBE N.

DIED NOVEMBER 19th, 1927

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Edgar A. James

PAST GRAND REGISTRAR

DIED FEBRUARY 12th, 1927

TORONTO, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Samuel Russell Bews

PAST GRAND FIRST ASSISTANT SOJOURNER

DIED OCTOBER 9th, 1927

MILTON, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

James G. Boyce

PAST GRAND SECOND ASSISTANT
SOJOURNER

DIED FEBRUARY 21st, 1927

TORONTO, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

E. Anson Vollick

PAST GRAND MASTER OF FIRST VEIL

DIED JUNE 16th, 1927

HAMILTON, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

William Hyndman

PAST GRAND MASTER OF FOURTH VEIL

DIED OCTOBER 22nd, 1927

TORONTO, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Frank Reid

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER

DIED DECEMBER 14th, 1927

SIMCOE, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

John A. Cowan

PAST GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE NEW ZEALAND

DIED DECEMBER 19th, 1927

TORONTO, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Thomas Pettigrew Elliott

PAST GRAND PURSUIVANT

DIED SEPTEMBER 6th, 1927

LONDON, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Thomas Jayne Ivey

PAST GRAND PURSUIVANT

DIED DECEMBER 2nd, 1927

TORONTO, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Joseph Henry Hulse

PAST GRAND STEWARD

DIED JANUARY 30th, 1927

ORANGEVILLE, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Richard R. Hopkins, M.D.

PAST GRAND STEWARD

DIED MAY 5th, 1927

TORONTO, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

A. E. Cobell

PAST GRAND STEWARD

DIED AUGUST 30th, 1927

TORONTO, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Robert Patterson

PAST GRAND STEWARD

DIED AUGUST 30th, 1927

KINCARDINE, ONT.

Deaths

*"'Tis true; 'tis certain; man though dead retains
Part of himself; the immortal mind remains."*

—Homer.

Chapter

- No. 1. James A. Minnes, April 6th, 1927; Daniel M. Barr, 5 Nov. 1927; William John Code, 28 Jan., 1927; A. E. Phitton, 28 May, 1927.
- No. 2. John Sheppard, 27 Jan., 1927; H. B. Whitton, 28 Jan., 1927; Thomas Brown, 2 Feb., 1927; James M. Dunlop, 18 Mar., 1927; Frank Hills, 23 Oct., 1927; George Vanmere, 23 Dec., 1927.
- No. 3. John Bernard, 10 April, 1927; B. L. Brighton, 9 Nov., 1927; John W. Cawrse, 27 Oct., 1927; Richard Gough, 20 Dec., 1927.
- No. 4. James Grant Boyce, 21 Feb., 1927; Guy C. Reade, 25 Feb., 1927; Byron Albertson, 20 June, 1927; Albert E. David, 1 July, 1927; John H. Slute, 25 Nov., 1927; Alexander G. Horwood, 24 Dec., 1927.
- No. 5. Robert James McWells, 28 June, 1927; William Henry Robinson, Jan., 1927; Thomas Pettigrew Elliott, 6 Sept., 1927; George Frederick Clark, 27 Sept., 1927.
- No. 6. William Brigger, 8 Jan., 1927; William E. Dolman, 10 Jan., 1927; William Goering, 24 Feb., 1927; Samuel S. King, 22 May, 1927; E. Anson Vollick, 9 June, 1927; Sherman E. Townsend, 5 Sept., 1927; Henry Crow, 10 Oct., 1921; John Young, 10 Dec., 1927; George Wholton, 11 Dec., 1927; Charles W. Gardner, 12 Dec., 1927; William Malcolm, 22 Dec., 1927.
- No. 7. Harry W. Thompson, 13 Feb., 1927; Lewis Redner Terwilleger, 2 Mar., 1927.

Deaths

Chapter

- No. 8. H. E. Peagam, (no date given); Sidney M. Fallows, (no date given); James L. Hutchison, (no date given).
- No. 15. Alexander Joss, 30 Nov., 1927; James Dougherty, 26 Dec., 1927; Peter D. Lemon, 13 Mar., 1927; Charles S. Ellis, 30 May, 1927; William J. Parsons, 8 April, 1927; Joseph Lester, 26 Dec., 1927; Albert McLagan, 27 Aug., 1927; George Culley, 21 Sept., 1927; J. Ross Polley, 6 July, 1927.
- No. 16. William James McKerracher, 20 Jan., 1927; James Burness Duff, 16 Aug., 1927; Alfred Henry Wheeler, 3 Sept., 1927.
- No. 18. William E. Maedel, 23 Dec., 1926; James Spedding, 6 Jan., 1927; John Sidney Rodgers, 11 Feb., 1927.
- No. 19. Hubert VanWyck, 24 July, 1927; Harry J. Johnston, 7 Sept., 1927.
- No. 20. Charles E. Kitchen, 9 August, 1927.
- No. 22. Frederick John Davy, 6 May, 1927; Arthur T. Adams, 22 Nov., 1927.
- No. 23. Robert Quance, 12 May, 1927; Frank Reid, 14 Dec., 1927; Austin Shand, 24 Sept., 1927.
- No. 24. James Wilson, 8 Nov., 1927.
- No. 26. Dougall Lawrence Bleeker, 16 Nov., 1927; Jesse Funnell, 28 Nov., 1927.
- No. 27. David J. B. Mitchell, 2 May, 1927.
- No. 29. R. G. W. Connolly, 16 June, 1927; Chester W. Featherstone, 16 Mar., 1923.
- No. 30. James Logan, 31 Oct., 1927.
- No. 31. Frank F. Wright, 24 Feb., 1927; Wellington Boulder, 27 Feb., 1927; Chas. D. McCulloch, 4 June, 1927; John Hazel, 14 Oct., 1927.
- No. 32. Charles L. McWilliam, 15 Feb., 1927.
- No. 34. Harry Ducan Jamieson, 29 Sept., 1927.
- No. 35. Ralph McIntyre, 16 Mar., 1927; R. H. Walks, 12 Nov., 1927.

Deaths

Chapter

- No. 36. James Rose, 11 Aug., 1927; John Morrison, 13 Aug., 1927.
- No. 37. Charles Hutchings, 28 Feb., 1927; Thomas Edward Burt, 26 May, 1927; Robert Alexander Mulholland, 1 Oct., 1927.
- No. 40. John A. McHardy, 7 June, 1927.
- No. 41. Thomas Edward Buckle, 23 April, 1927.
- No. 44. George Frederick Ruttan, 24 Sept., 1927; Ephraim McLaughlin, 24 Nov., 1927.
- N. 45. James Scougale, 6 May, 1927; James Henderson, 17 May, 1927.
- No. 46. Thomas Gordon, 29 Aug., 1927.
- No. 47. Robert H. Abraham, 26 Mar., 1927; A. T. Meredith, 27 May, 1927; Archibald H. Skirving, 2 July, 1927; Edward A. Higley, 3 Aug., 1927; Alexander Clark, 17 Dec., 1927.
- No. 48. Nathaniel McCarthy, (date not given); David William Jex, Aug., 1927.
- No. 53. James R. Polley, 3 Aug., 1927; Bloss P. Corey, 26 Oct., 1927.
- No. 54. Arthur Howard Martin, 17 Feb., 1927; Archibald Leitch, 9 Mar., 1927; Lincoln Webster Cole, 16 Mar., 1927; Robert Norman Price, 1 May, 1927; George Cochran, 19 May, 1927; Joseph Philip Hilleshine, 18 Aug., 1927.
- No. 56. James Leslie, 15 July, 1927.
- No. 58. George Munro, 6 Nov., 1927.
- No. 59. Robert Arthur Smart, 16 Jan., 1927; John Simpson Beattie, 15 Nov., 1927; Albert E. Parker, 16 Nov., 1927.
- No. 60. Lemington Atkinson, 6 July, 1927.
- No. 61. Robert Pollock, 22 July, 1927; William Samuel MacDowell, 19 Nov., 1927.
- No. 62. William Fenwick, 21 Nov., 1926; James Giles, 29 April, 1927; Robert Burns, 26 July, 1927; Edgar A. James, 12 Feb., 1927; Thomas Jayne Ivey, 2 Dec., 1927.

Deaths

Chapter

- No. 63. Elijah Miller, 28 July, 1927; Robert Patterson, 30 Aug., 1927; Thomas Scott, Feb., 1927; Harry Giles, 2 Jan., 1927.
- No. 64. E. C. Whitmore, 12 April, 1927.
- No. 65. C. E. Barnett, (no date given); S. T. Bastedo, 2 Dec., 1926; Harcourt Ferguson, (no date given); Henry Vigeon, (no date given); C. L. Rosevear, (no date given).
- No. 68. John Butler Checkley, 24 May, 1927; William Henry Webster, 7 Nov., 1927.
- No. 69. Samuel Whittaker, April 1927; William M. Stewart, Jan., 1927; Hamilton Fleming, Aug., 1927; W. J. Drope, 21 June, 1927.
- No. 71. H. Y. Pickering, 24 Aug., 1927.
- No. 72. James McComb, 24 Aug., 1927; I. A. Eby, 30 Oct., 1927; William Boyd Davis, 25 July, 1927.
- No. 73. John M. Sheldon, 22 Sept., 1927.
- No. 75. Samuel Russell Bews, 9 Oct., 1927; John Cole, 30 Jan., 1927.
- No. 76. Berkeley Carter, (No date given).
- No. 77. Alexander G. Horwood, 24 Dec., 1927; George K. Clemens, 19 Nov., 1927; W. C. Marshall, 22 Oct., 1927; William Tingle, 8 June, 1927; Thomas Porter, 16 May, 1927; John Atkinson, 3 Mar., 1927; Edgar A. Prince, 12 Sept., 1927; John Dougan, 8 Sept., 1927; Robert Edward Barton, 20 April, 1927; Thomas P. C. Barnard, 21 Aug., 1924.
- No. 78. Edwin Phelps, 6 Jan., 1927; Thomas Henry Rumford, 25 April, 1927.
- No. 79. William Robert Davis Wright, 16 Feb., 1927; Peter Ralph Kyle, 24 Mar., 1927.
- No. 80. Pascol B. McLeod, 11 Mar., 1927; Thomas Peters, 20 May, 1927; Charles Koelln, 14 July, 1927; William A. Burridge, 22 Oct., 1927.

Deaths

Chapter

- No. 81. George F. Clark, 18 Nov., 1927.
- No. 82. H. A. McKibbin, 10 Mar., 1927; T. Willings, 11 Mar., 1927; K. G. Pollybank, 18 Oct., 1927; A. J. Peckett, 17 Feb., 1927.
- No. 83. William Conboy, 30 Mar., 1927; James Evans Booth, 22 Apr., 1927; Joseph Henry Hulse, 30 Jan., 1927; George F. Campbell, 6 July, 1927; Archibald Campbell, 4 July, 1927.
- No. 88. Donald McGregor, 22 Feb., 1927.
- No. 90. William Robert Gerrie, 10 Feb., 1927; Francis Robert Hamilton, 5 July, 1927; George J. Bennett, 15 Sept., 1927.
- No. 91. Arthur C. Wallace, April, 1927; George J. Bennett, 15 Sept., 1927; James F. Berner, 9 Dec., 1927.
- No. 94. Alexander James Birchard, 7 Mar., 1927.
- No. 95. Alexander McFarland Anslie, 2 Mar., 1927.
- No. 100. Howard Howison, 10 Sept., 1927.
- No. 102. Thomas Bishop, 8 Aug., 1927; G. J. Dickinson, 19 Aug., 1927; Albert Hastings, 31 Dec., 1927; George E. Wishart, 16 Mar., 1927; Edward Walton, 17 Nov., 1927.
- No. 103. William Martin, 1 Feb., 1927; George Alexander McGaughey, 25 July, 1927.
- No. 112. Henry Addison Armstrong, 28 Jan., 1927; Beverly B. Tucker, 21 June, 1927; James Humphrey McNairn, 30 Sept., 1927.
- No. 114. James B. Ferguson, 15 Oct., 1927; Thomas Burt, 4 Dec., 1927.
- No. 115. Thomas Conway, 13 Aug., 1927.
- No. 117. James D. Weir, 6 June, 1927; Charles A. Richardson, 3 Sept., 1927.
- No. 119. Hugh Ruthven Whaley, Sept., 1927.
- No. 130. Walter Frank Briggs, (no date given).
- No. 131. William Gilbert Simmie, 8 Mar., 1927.
- No. 134. Adam Dawson, 18 Mar., 1927; Norval Pipher, 7 Oct., 1927.

Deaths

Chapter

- No. 135. William Fisher, 11 Feb., 1927; Leslie Wilbert Ianson, (no date given); Thomas Harold Rackner, 23 Oct., 1927.
- No. 138. John Patterson, 25 May, 1927; Richard R. Hopkins, 5 May, 1927.
- No. 139. John W. Wright, 9 July, 1927.
- No. 140. William Worthington, 27 Mar., 1927; Arthur B. Marcotte, 14 May, 1927; Everett F. Brison, 18 Sept., 1927; Alfred Ernest Pawson, 21 Oct., 1927.
- No. 143. Hugh K. McLean, 4 April, 1927.
- No. 145. James Balfour, 8 Feb., 1927; Abraham H. Clemmer, 1 Mar., 1927; A. E. Covell, 30 Aug., 1927; William Tingle, 8 June, 1927; R. E. A. Land, 1 Feb., 1927; Thomas H. P. Mason, 21 Oct., 1927; John A. Cowan, 19 Dec., 1927; Harry J. W. Ellis, 25 Dec., 1927.
- No. 147. Kenneth J. McKenzie, Dec., 1927.
- No. 149. Henry G. Gorham, Oct., 24, 1927.
- No. 150. John Henry Dazell, 3 Jan., 1927.
- No. 152. Charles Joseph Hollands, 21 Feb., 1927; John Albert Smith, 1 Sept., 1927; John Phillip Wright, 2 Sept., 1927; Washington Bishop, 24 June, 1927.
- No. 153. William H. Moore, 18 July, 1927.
- No. 154. James A. Scougale, 6 May, 1927.
- No. 155. John Thomas Hammil Regan, 4 Dec., 1927.
- No. 161. John Duglass Blue, 22 Mar., 1927; Andrew Wilson Williamson, 15 Nov., 1927.
- No. 163. Alfred Essex, June 1927.
- No. 164. James A. Fuller, 11 Jan., 1927.
- No. 168. George T. Dickson, Nov., 1927.
- No. 169. Edward G. Brooks, 11 Aug., 1927; C. M. Small, 15 Feb., 1927.
- No. 175. Joseph Levy, 18 May, 1927; James M. Shepard, 13 Aug., 1927.

Deaths

Chapter

- No. 184. William Smythe, 21 Apr., 1927; Alfred E. Menyweather, 3 Apr., 1927; George A. Depew, 2 Apr., 1927; E. A. Price, 3 Oct., 1927.
- No. 185. George M. Hermiston, 29 Sept., 1927; William G. Morrison, 19 Mar., 1927.
- No. 203. William L. Ross, 18 Mar., 1927; D. A. MacDonald, 29 Apr., 1927; W. R. Earle, 2 June, 1927.
- No. 205. Edgar Augustus James, 12 Feb., 1927.
- No. 213. William McCracken, 1 Sept., 1927.
- No. 215. James Free, 20 Nov., 1927.
- No. 217. Alfred E. Covell, 30 Aug., 1927.
- No. 222. R. G. Graham, 10 Nov., 1927; C. A. Culbert, (no date given).
- No. 224. E. Anson Vollick, 9 June, 1927; Thomas Ball, 17 July, 1927.
- No. 227. Ambrose Grover, C. Matthews, 1 Aug., 1927.
- No. 231. William Henry McElroy, 21 June, 1927.
- No. 232. J. F. Dunlop, 22 June, 1926; Thomas E. Love, 26 Apr., 1927; B. J. G. MacBeth, 31 July, 1927.
- No. 233. Saint Thomas Roden, 7 Mar., 1927; William Hyndman, 22 Oct., 1927.
- No. 235. Herbert Thompson Finley, 24 Nov., 1927.
- No. 238. Thomas P. Elliott, 15 Aug., 1927.
- No. 242. William Reginald Borden, 14 Feb., 1927.
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“Sleep on, O friend, until the waking day:
 And ever we who loved thy presence here,
 Will keep for thee, through changes manifold,
 A tender memory, growing with the years.”

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

AT GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

GRAND CHAPTER.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama.....	Edwin Smith.....	London
Alberta.....	J. K. Brydon.....	Kenora
Arizona.....	C. W. Haentschel.....	Haileybury
Arkansas.....	Frederick W. Elliott.....	Prescott
British Columbia.....	E. M. Carleton.....	Toronto
California.....	J. W. Rogers.....	Toronto
Colorado.....	J. McC. Potts.....	Stirling
Connecticut.....	Harvey J. Milne.....	Kingston
Delaware.....	A. C. Larter.....	Toronto
District of Columbia.....	Robert W. Clewlo.....	Toronto
Florida.....	James H. Cowan.....	Galt
Georgia.....	W. N. Ponton.....	Belleville
Idaho.....	W. H. G. Garrioch.....	Ottawa
Illinois.....	Joseph J. Shelley.....	Toronto
Indiana.....	John Stevenson.....	Stratford
Iowa.....	Edward Lankin.....	Toronto
Ireland.....	William Henry Ballard.....	Hamilton
Kansas.....	J. M. Gibson.....	Hamilton
Kentucky.....	John Graham.....	London
Louisiana.....	W. Y. Mills.....	Kingston
Maine.....	Marshal E. Sherwood.....	Woodstock
Manitoba.....	Robt. Henry Reid.....	Woodstock
Maryland.....	Frank Ebbitt.....	Iroquois Falls
Massachusetts.....	D. H. McIntosh.....	Carleton Place
Michigan.....	Henry T. Smith.....	Toronto
Minnesota.....	Oliver Ellwood.....	London
Mississippi.....	John J. Farley.....	Belleville
Missouri.....	Wm. J. Tow.....	Toronto
Montana.....	W. M. Logan.....	Hamilton
Nebraska.....	R. H. Spencer.....	Trenton
Nevada.....	John F. Marr.....	Guelph
New Brunswick.....	Charles T. Wilkinson.....	Brockville
New Hampshire.....	Walter H. Davis.....	Hamilton
New Jersey.....	K. J. Dunstan.....	Toronto
New South Wales.....	W. H. Tudhope.....	Orillia
New York.....	F. W. Harcourt.....	Toronto
New Zealand.....	J. Austin Evans.....	Toronto
North Carolina.....	R. W. Brennan.....	Toronto
North Dakota.....	George L. Gardiner.....	Toronto
Nova Scotia.....	George Moore.....	Hamilton
Ohio.....	Hugh A. MacKay.....	Hamilton
Oklahoma.....	Ed. Worth.....	Chatham
Oregon.....	D. A. Clark.....	Ottawa
Pennsylvania.....	R. J. Reade.....	Toronto
Quebec.....	Edward B. Brown.....	Toronto
Rhode Island.....	Michael Walsh.....	Ingersoll
Saskatchewan.....	Bernard Cairns.....	Toronto
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South Carolina.....	James B. Little.....	Trenton
South Dakota.....	A. E. Cooper.....	London
Tennessee.....	Walter G. Price.....	Port Credit
Texas.....	E. T. Malone.....	Toronto
Utah.....	A. S. Gorrell.....	Regina
Vermont.....	J. B. Nixon.....	Toronto
Victoria.....	Joseph W. Hickson.....	Toronto
Virginia.....	W. J. McCollum.....	Toronto
Washington.....	S. S. Forbes.....	Hamilton
Western Australia.....	William Panton.....	Milton
West Virginia.....	Alexander Cowan.....	Barrie
Wisconsin.....	William J. Wadsworth.....	Toronto
Wyoming.....	David H. McCracken.....	Port Colborne

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Arkansas.....	Jeff L. Davis.....	Fayetteville
British Columbia.....	Harry H. Watson.....	Vancouver
California.....	Roland E. Hartley.....	San Francisco
Colorado.....	Stanley C. Warner.....	Denver
Connecticut.....	Geo. N. Delap.....	Hartford
Delaware.....	George S. Scott.....	Wilmington
District of Columbia.....	Lucien G. Yung.....	Washington
Florida.....	Chester de Rocher.....	Bradentown
Georgia.....	Chas. R. McCord.....	Macon
Idaho.....	Frank E. Higson.....	Pocatello
Illinois.....	Fred W. Soady.....	Pekin
Indiana.....	William H. Baugh.....	Terre Haute
Iowa.....	E. W. F. Holler.....	Brooklyn
Ireland.....		
Kansas.....	Roy H. Clossen.....	Coffeyville
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Louisiana.....	John W. Armstrong.....	Welsh
Maine.....	James A. Richan.....	Rockland
Manitoba.....	Frank W. Brownell.....	Winnipeg
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Michigan.....	Charles Arthur Conover.....	Coldwater
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Missouri.....	Orson H. Swearingen.....	Kansas City
Montana.....	Joseph J. Hindson.....	Helena
Nebraska.....	Clemens A. Spellman.....	Beatrice
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New Brunswick.....	Edgar W. Mair.....	Woodstock
New Hampshire.....	Arthur McCartney Dunstan.....	Tilton
New Jersey.....	Godfrey Pittis.....	Allendale
New South Wales.....	James McCreadie.....	Sydney
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North Carolina.....	Wiley M. Pickens.....	Salisbury
North Dakota.....	Geo. H. Keyes.....	Ellendale
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Quebec.....	John Alex Cameron.....	Montreal
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Saskatchewan.....	Arthur S. Gorrell.....	Regina
Scotland.....	A. J. Campbell.....	Dalmuir
South Carolina.....	Wm. W. Wannamaker.....	Orangeburg
South Dakota.....	I. M. Simons.....	Relle Fourche
Tennessee.....	J. Leonard Wood.....	Memphis
Texas.....	B. K. Hawkins.....	Brownwood
Utah.....	John C. Brown.....	Ogden
Vermont.....	C. W. Whitecomb.....	Cavendish
Victoria.....	John Byatt.....	Melbourne
Virginia.....	Arthur L. Mattern.....	Richmond
Washington.....	Robert L. McCroskey.....	Colfax
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West Virginia.....	Frederick C. Steinbicker.....	Wheeling
Wisconsin.....	David Harlowe.....	Milwaukee
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Ireland.....	H. C. Shellard, G. Reg.....	Dublin, Freemasons Hall
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka
Kentucky.....	G. Allison Holland.....	Lexington
Louisiana.....	John A. Davilla.....	New Orleans, Rm. 301, Mas. Temple
Maine.....	Chas. B. Davis.....	Portland, Mas. Temple
Manitoba.....	George Syme.....	Winnipeg, Masonic Tempel
Maryland.....	Gustav A. Eitel.....	Baltimore, Mas. Temple
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Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	St. Paul, 315 Despatch Bldg.
Mississippi.....	Edward L. Faucette.....	Meridian
Missouri.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Trenton
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Helena
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	Omaha, M.T., 19th and Douglas
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Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapter of Canada from 1857 to 1928

*W. M. Wilson.....	1857	*J. Ross Robertson.....	1894-5
*Thompson Wilson.....	1858	M. Walsh.....	1896-7-8
*T. D. Harington.....	1859-60	*Wm. G. Reid.....	1899-1900
*John C. Franck.....	1861-2	*Wm. Gibson.....	1901-2
*T. D. Harington.....	1863-4-5-6	*A. Shaw.....	1903-4
	7-8-9-70-1	*William Roaf.....	1905-6
*S. B. Harman.....	1872	*John Leslie.....	1907-8
*C. D. Macdonell.....	1873	George Moore.....	1909-10
*Jas. Seymour.....	1874	Fred. W. Harcourt.....	1911-2
*L. H. Henderson.....	1875-6	*Daniel F. Macwatt.....	1913-4
*F. J. Menet.....	1877-8	*Wm. S. R. Murch.....	1915-6
*Daniel Spry.....	1879-80	A. S. Gorrell, M.D.....	1917-8
*Donald Ross.....	1881-2	Wm. N. Ponton.....	1919-20
*H. Macpherson.....	1883-4	*H. S. Griffin, M.D.....	1921
*Thos. Sargent.....	1885-6	Richard H. Spencer.....	1922-3
*Robt. Hendry, Jr.....	1887	Walter H. Davis.....	1924-5
*R. B. Hungerford.....	1888-9	Kenneth J. Dunstan.....	1926-7
*J. J. Mason.....	1890-1	Edwin Smith.....	1928
*J. E. Harding.....	1892-3		

Honorary Past Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapter of Canada

	Elected		Elected
*Henry Robertson.....	1888	E. T. Malone.....	1919
*Kivas Tully.....	1891	*A. T. Freed.....	1920
*Hugh Murray.....	1903	Sir John M. Gibson.....	1922
Harry H. Watson.....	1909		

Grand Scribes E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada

*Thomas B. Harris.....	1857-73	*Thomas Sargent.....	1892-8
*James Seymour.....	1874-5	*George J. Bennett.....	1899-1915
*Daniel Spry.....	1876-7	Henry T. Smith.....	1916
*David McLellan.....	1878-91		

* Deceased.

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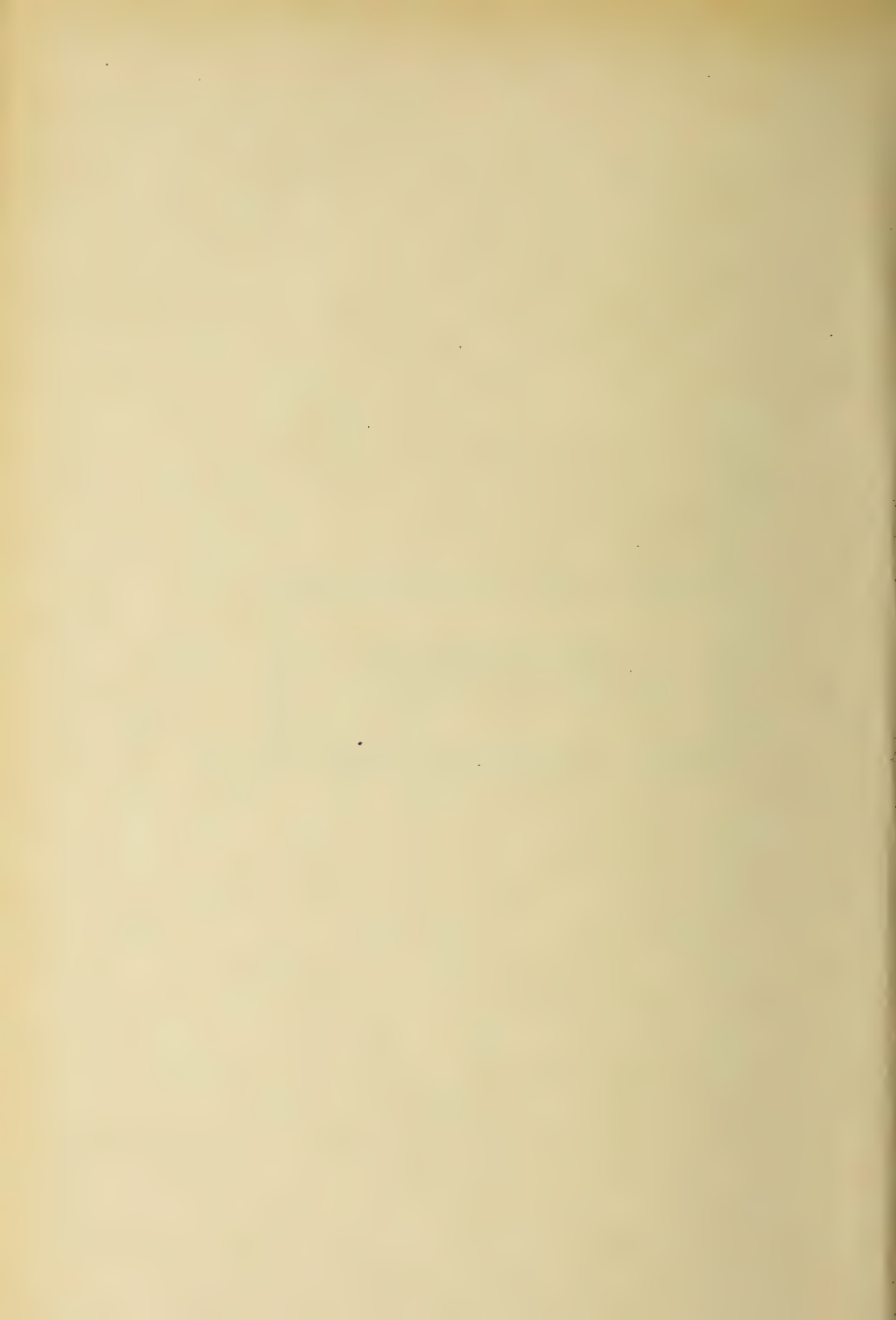
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APPENDIX



CAPITULAR CORRESPONDENCE AND REVIEWS OF SISTER JURISDICTIONS

M.E. Companion William Nisbet Ponton, P.G.Z.

FOREWORD.

In our annual perusal of the transactions of the Royal and loyal Craft, we find much to encourage and inspire, and not a little to admonish and to warn. Still are the slogans needed: "Attend to the Alarm"—"Be virile and vigilant"—"Prove all things"—"Hold fast to that which is good"—"Play the game"—"Ring true"—"Keep the touch"—"Hold that line!" "Adopt, adapt and improve." Life is a process not a finished product. We craftsmen are still in the making—none of us Masters of Life. As the way is opened up, humanity climbs higher. We are ladders and channels in the science of service, in the transmission of good will, in the communication of thoughts and ideas. We act and react upon one another and are a part of all that we have met. We are more than part of a "Big Parade." Man full-fledged flies into a new Dawn. These are spacious days. At sunrise every soul is born again. Our aspirations are often the index of our capacities. Let us be up and doing and keep the Craft creative and productive. More light and less smoke—

"What in us is dark illumine,
What is low raise and support,"

was Milton's prayer and should be ours. Through these Reviews and interpretations may we feel good work behind, better work ahead. Let us close up the intervals and have no lines of cleavage. Stability and progress, order and liberty, unity and versatility, are everywhere apparent in the precepts and examples of the good men and true men of all Jurisdictions, who light their own path—and ours,—as we sojourn and journey—**together.**

ALABAMA.

John Brown Bethea, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundredth Annual Convocation was held in Montgomery, November 29th, 1926. Unfortunately the Most Excellent was ill and unable to attend so the Grand King acted as High Priest and was subsequently elected to rule the destinies of Alabama during the present year.

Distinguished visitors from Mississippi and other Grand Masonic Bodies in Alabama were welcomed.

The address of Comp. Bethea was read by Comp. Stollenwerck. He has the vision of light, as the following extracts will testify:—

“My sincere desire is to impress upon the Craft the truth, that Masonry consists not in a mere name but a reality; that it is based upon principles as steadfast as the ‘Rock of Ages,’ preparing our minds as living stones fitted to beautify and adorn our spiritual temple, not made with hands and of which Charity, in all its senses, is the Key-Stone.

“The Chapters of this jurisdiction have been ever mindful of this most worthy institution—the Home.

“Our annual Convocations will soon be here. At these meetings it has been a beautiful custom—one we should ever encourage and foster—that each Companion be given an opportunity at this time to contribute to some worthy charitable cause. Nothing could appeal to us more forcibly than the orphan children of our deceased Brethren in our Home in Montgomery; nor should we forget the old and infirm Brethren and the helpless wives and widows of Masons who reside there, while passing down the twilight and evening of life.

“Remember that the correct rendering of ritual is well and good and should in no wise be neglected, but the time has passed when Masonry will be satisfied with this. We as Masons must give a concrete reason for our existence as Masons.”

He encourages the movement for High School Scholarships and \$1,000 was made available, divided into 25 Scholarships of \$40 each. Let us consider this philanthropic and educational work here in Canada.

His conclusion is thus expressed:—

“There is no want of confidence in the principles and teachings of Royal Arch Masonry but, there is in some portions of the State, lukewarmness, inactivity, and seeming indifference. This should not be and I urge every Companion attending this Convocation to

keep up his studies in Masonry and be ready to assist all uninformed Companions to get further Light; 'to make darkness light before them and crooked things straight.'"

The Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship make a very earnest report, which is worth considering:—

"It is hoped that an effort will be made to convince the legislature and the administration that no true permanent economic advancement can be made except one resting on the solid foundation of an educated citizenship. We build not for to-day but for the future and it behooves every Mason to add his voice to the pleadings for enlarged school facilities. It is poor economy and worse statesmanship to neglect or impair the future development of the potential citizens of the State for a questionable immediate advantage to any group or section.

"Illiteracy still stalks among us.

"Let us in season and out of season be the evangels of the public school education for every child in the State."

The Committee on Nécrology thus close their report:—

"Farewell, beloved Brethren, till we meet together in the Light where no Committee on Necrology will ever be appointed for its services will never be needed."

Unfortunately the report of our veteran colleague, Lawrence H. Lee, on Foreign Correspondence, was lost in the moving of the office and so we are deprived of the usual excellent review. We regret this the more as it would appear to be the last by Comp. Lee, who closes his page in this friendly fashion:—

"The writer bespeaks for his successor all the good things of life, and with some regret that he must withdraw himself from the Round Table and bid an official adieu to all the splendid fellows that he has known in the years of his service."

Membership, 15,229. Net loss, 155.

Canada is worthily represented by M. Ex. Comp. Lew Lazarus and R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, of London, represents Alabama.

The Council of Anointed High Priests held a well attended and interesting meeting.

ALBERTA.

Edwin G. Ironside, M.E. Grand Z.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation was held in Calgary, 16th March, 1927.

Six Past Grand First Principals, all well known names, were faithfully present.

Canada's Grand Representative was not able to answer the Roll Call.

Distinguished visitors were received with honours. Among them Right Illustrious Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel, Dr. E. S. Estey, Sovereign Grand Priory, also Grand Treasurer Moore, of Saskatchewan, and Grand Master English, of Alberta.

The Mayor of Calgary gave a fitting welcome with warmth inside and storm outside, as to which hear him:—

"At the same time, I want to assure you that the weather is no criterion whatever of your hearty welcome to the City of Calgary, rather it is in the inverse ratio to that."

Comp. Wentzel in reply to his welcome said:—

"Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I appreciate your reception of me as the Inspector-General of the Cryptic Rite in Alberta. As you are aware, only Royal Arch Masons are eligible to receive these degrees, which furnish the key to a right understanding of the degrees of the Lodge and Chapter. At the present time, the Cryptic Rite in this Province may be likened to the acorn. I trust that in the not-too-far-distant future we may become like the sturdy oak among the other Masonic bodies."

The Grand First Principal commenced his address in worthy fashion, thus:—

"It is a real pleasure to extend my heartiest greetings to you all, to mingle with you in the wonderful communion of good fellowship, and to feel the inspiration that comes with the clasp of each others hand in the bond of Companionship—to welcome you to this, my home city—Calgary, the City of the Foothills—and to this beautiful Lodge room, hallowed to me, because herein I first saw the Light of Masonry, and in which I have spent countless numbers of pleasing and memorable evenings."

He had visited during the year, 23 out of the 27 Chapters.

Among his rulings we find:—

"That a Mark Master Mason receiving that degree in a Mark Master Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Craft Lodge, is not entitled to sit in a Mark Master Lodge in Alberta, the Mark Master

degree in this jurisdiction being under the government of the Royal Arch Chapter."

He earnestly recommended:—

"That all Chapters following the moon schedule for their meetings be again requested to amend their By-laws, in order to make their monthly Convocations a fixed date.

"I am greatly in favour of the inter-visitation of Chapters, as a means of stimulating interest, as well as attendance."

"I must repeat, once more, the great need of more secrecy in connection with what business is transacted in our Chapters.

"This year our total membership will show a decrease, but this is nothing to be alarmed about, as we are learning that we are known, not by our *numbers*, but by the *character of our members*.

"I find that the Principals and Scribes show a great weakness in not knowing the constitution. READ IT."

His conclusion was in every way fitting:—

"Soon I will pass on the sceptre of authority. You will find that, although while with me it has not been advanced very far, it has not been stained by thoughtlessness or wilfulness. In the days to come, that yet may be allotted to me, and as the sun will be setting over the vast maze of those stern, yet inspiring, mountains of the golden west, to arise for me again but a few times on this old earth, I can see myself wending, again and again, into the garden of memories and gathering there those choice recollections, mellowed with the beauty of the passing years, of my year of service as your Grand First Principal."

A letter from Grand Representative J. K. Brydon (grand old veteran), was read.

From the Grand Scribe E.'s Report we take the following:—

"I would like to bring to the attention of the Grand Representatives of Foreign Grand Chapters that they acknowledge promptly the receipt of the proceedings of the body they represent, as unfortunately this is a courtesy too often overlooked."

Membership, 2,811. Net loss, 29.

From the In Memoriam verses we select the following:—

"He bid us do the work that they laid down,
Take up the song where they broke off the strain,
So journeying, till we reach the heavenly town,
Where are laid up our treasures and our crown,
And our lost loved ones will be found again."

Comp. F. S. Watson, of Edmonton, represents Canada.

The Committee on Correspondence, composed of J. E. Johnson, Chairman and Reviewer; S. Y. Taylor, and F. S. Selwood, in their introduction say:—

“One of the bright outlooks for the future is the thought and attention that are being given to Educational Loan Funds for Boys and Girls. We are of the opinion that Masonry never before instituted a greater nor wider-reaching benefit to the world than this.

“Another cause for rejoicing is the attention given to the Education of Masons on ‘Masonry.’ Surely this will be the means of creating a greater love and respect for our Order.

“If we have used the paste pot to a considerable extent, it has been because we believe there is a lesson to be learned in every clipping.”

Under California we glean:—

“Monthly bulletins are helpful. A successful Chapter needs two important factors, i.e., a presiding officer who fits into the office without cramping, and who does not have to be bolstered up to keep him from wobbling, and who is strong enough in dignity and character to maintain the prestige of the office, and last, yet most indispensably necessary, a competent and willing Secretary.”

A full review of Canada is given, the reviewer saying:—

“Leaving out the proxy voters there were 121 Chapters *directly* represented by those who take an active part in the affairs of those Chapters. This may not have been a record attendance, but it shows that ‘Our Old Mother’ still has influence in the Province of Ontario.

“The address of Grand Z. Davis was concise and businesslike.

“From the splendid addresses of the Distinguished Visitors present, we quote from that of Grand Master Jorn A. Rowland, as it seems to the writer to be particularly applicable to some of our Local Lodges and Chapters, especially his words with reference to ‘Personal Interpretation.’

“The ‘Correspondence Report,’ being again in the able hands of Comp. Ponton, it is unnecessary to add that it is one of the most brilliant of the many fine reports that have been reviewed. He devotes almost ten pages to our Tenth Anniversary and to our Convocation, and quotes freely from the many addresses made by our distinguished visitors and ‘Old time workers in the Quarries of Alberta.’”

This nugget is taken from Iowa:—

“It is the business of this Grand Chapter to find the trouble in these Chapters and help overcome it, instead of killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.”

Under Kansas we learn that the Grand High Priest is Governor of the State of Kansas.

North Carolina gives something fruitful always to the Reviewer:—

“North Carolina has a Masonic Educational Loan Fund that is doing good work and might with advantage be adopted by every Grand Masonic Body.

The good-bye of our colleague is in the following words:—

“I have tried to do ‘good work and true work’ in Alberta, because I loved those Masons with whom I was associated, and their love and affection for me have helped me to perform my task.

“May ‘Peace be within thy walls, and Prosperity within thy Palaces.’”

The address of M. Ex. Comp. Middleton, Missionary to the Indians, continentally known, is printed in full. Among his many good things he says:—

“In the Master Mason’s degree, Brethren, I said there was something lost. The Pilgrims are on their way. They are endeavouring to find it. What is it? Symbolically, it is Truth. You remember the Roman Governor, as he sat there surrounded by all the ancient pomp and glory, and turning to that Master of all Masons he asked, ‘What is Truth?’ And every Master Mason to-day, if he is a real Mason, is seeking to recover that something which was lost, which with your assistance and our own endeavours we hope to find. Companions, after making your mark, travel along that same highway, and be received with applause as a Most Excellent Master. You will there find enthroned in the Holy of Holies the truth for which you seek. You are admitted into the sacred mysteries. You are given something which you will never forget.”

Bro. H. W. Avison responded to a toast with many questions and many answers, not all of them satisfactory even to himself. As a sample of his style we quote:—

“Now, what I have to say to you is simply this. I want to ask you a few questions and then sit down. At least, in asking the questions, perhaps I may be able to answer a few of them in my own way. They are just questions which I am asking myself with respect to Masonry. I am asking you to-night the question as to whether Freemasonry includes the Royal Arch, or does the Royal Arch include Freemasonry? I am asking the question, ‘Does Freemasonry include the Scottish Rite or does the Scottish Rite include Freemasonry?’ I am asking myself the question, ‘When was Freemasonry born? When did it come into being.’ Well, it may be best for us to have a round-table conference on some of these questions—the question, ‘What year was the Bible introduced into Freemasonry?’ and questions with regard to a great part of our sym-

bolism and our ritualism. With respect to the drama of Hiram Abiff, do we find it in the Bible? Where do we find it? Those are questions, as a Mason, I am trying to answer.

"Somebody said to me the other day he thought there was not as much fellowship and fraternity in Freemasonry as you will find in the service clubs. He said there is not the right-handed acquaintanceship, there is not the goodwill and good spirit that we find in the service clubs. Well, I suppose comparisons are odious; but may I say to you there is that mysterious fellowship here which is rooted away back in history and has a foundation which you and I cannot really understand to the full. If it is manifested only in the right hand of fellowship and if it is only the slap on the shoulder, then I do not believe that we are Masons at all. It is a far deeper thing than that, and its foundation is solid. I am not going to say that Masonry is a religious body. Masonry is religious. It is a great worship—a great Brotherhood of Man."

ARIZONA.

Harry A. Drachman, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation was held in Phoenix, February 8th, 1927.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests maintained the dignity of the Grand East.

Canada was represented by Comp. James H. Barrett, of Douglas.

In the beginning of his address the Grand High Priest compares the present with 38 years ago, and the conditions then existing when most of those who attended Grand Chapter came by means of stage coaches with constant danger of attack by Indians and bandits. Of those who helped to organize Grand Chapter only three were present.

Referring to those who have passed away the Grand High Priest shows his faith in immortality thus:—

"As the forbidding hills appear softer and less rugged in the distance, so may the faults and failings of our dead fade away until they seem not to have been.

"In ancient Greece was told the beautiful story of the hero forewarned by the oracle of impending death, who went to the maiden he loved to bid her a last farewell. Through her tears, she asked him, "Shall we meet again beyond the grave?" and he replied, "I have asked that dread question of the hills that look eternal; of the streams that flow on forever; of the stars amid whose azure depths my soul has walked in glory, and have received no answer. All are dumb! But now, as I look into your loving eyes and hear

your dear voice, I feel the love that kindles in our hearts can never die. Yes, we shall meet again."

Grand Chapter is asked to assume part of the blame, if any, for conditions, in a stirring appeal. He says:—

"I do not put the entire blame for the condition of Chapter Masonry in Arizona on the subordinate Chapters. The greater part of this blame is on the shoulders of this Grand Chapter.

"All of them go back to their subordinate Chapters, without any enthusiasm for Chapter Masonry. No constructive work is presented, nothing done at all that these Companions can carry back with them."

He refused a Dispensation to receive petitions, ballot and confer all degrees on a class of candidates in one night and says:—

"No emergency will justify a different course.

"My personal opinion is that such procedure and hurry to get candidates through is not beneficial for Chapter Masonry."

Under General Conditions he speaks out thus:—

"In examining the tabulated statement of membership as reported by our Grand Secretary you will find that we show a loss in membership. I particularly call your attention to the loss of membership from that bug-a-boo *suspension for non-payment of dues*.

"I believe the time has arrived when our Grand Chapter should get behind some worthy object, some worth-while work that will bring honour to its existence.

"What noble and glorious work shall we undertake? Let us rebuild in the hearts of the afflicted, the distressed and the heavily burdened the Temple of Love and Affection.

"I believe there is some altruistic work that we should undertake.

"Royal Arch Masonry must deal with realities. We must build a Temple, a House of the Lord, without the hope of fee or reward and unless our Royal Arch Masonry helps to build that Temple, this life is vain and we are spending our time and effort for naught."

Memorial pages are set aside sacred to the memory of departed Companions, quoting:—

"Calmly he looked on either Life, and here
Saw nothing to regret, or there to fear."

Arizona is represented by that enthusiastic northerner, C. W. Haentschel, of Haileybury.

ARKANSAS.

Hunter D. Bowers, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation assembled in the Albert Pike Memorial Temple in Little Rock, November 18th, 1926.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests, among them such well known names as Fay Hempstead, John C. Bone, and Mark P. Olney, foregathered in the East.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call.

The Grand High Priest sent out monthly letters to every Chapter for some months, but he found an apparent lack of interest among the Chapters and the project was abandoned.

He made the following recommendation as to marks, which was not, however, adopted:—

"As a remedy to this I recommend the following: That there be inserted in the Ritual on page —, following line —, the following question and answer: 'Brethren, have each of you registered your Mark in the Lodge Book of Marks?' and require an affirmative answer before the work proceeds further."

His address was brief but full.

The Grand Secretary concludes his report as follows:—

"Due to the present financial stringency I recommend that efforts be made to revive these Chapters and that they be given more time to revive before their Charters are ordered arrested."

Manitoba and Saskatchewan were recognized.

It was decided by the Committee on Jurisprudence that District Deputy Grand High Priests are not entitled to vote and draw mileage for attendance at Grand Chapter. Surely they merit this recognition.

Canada is represented by Comp. Jeff L. Davis and the Grand Representative of Arkansas here is T. W. Chapple. Membership, 8,079. Net gain, 32.

Mark P. Olney is again in charge of the Correspondence Review, and in his introduction says:—

"There is a general dearth in work and interest throughout the country and the full head of steam acquired during the war period is slowly leaking out and in a number of states the Grand Chapters show a decrease in membership rather than a going forward as has been the fact for a number of years past.

"The question of ritual is pretty well settled and while it is an all-absorbing one, yet there is little strife now anywhere along this

line and the General Grand Chapter ritual still seems to be holding its own or gaining somewhat in prestige."

His review of Canada is friendly and interesting, but his geographic knowledge of our northern Zone is not extensive. He describes the new Grand Z. "as a resident of Mailton in Telephone business." He does not give all names of the distinguished visitors we had as he says "they are so plentiful." Then follows an interesting coincidence:—

"Membership is 25,650, with gain of 335. I am reviewing this Grand Chapter on same evening that I do Kansas, and their membership is almost identical and meetings were on the same date and the proceedings got to me together. Their gains are just about the same. So Canada and our Sunflower state are almost twins.

"His review is very thorough, as would be expected by using over three hundred pages. He gives us five pages, by far the largest number of any review it has been my pleasure to read. Thanks."

Under Colorado he quotes:—

"Suspension in blue lodge after election to take chapter, stops farther action in Chapter."

Of the death of Comp. Taylor he says under Georgia:—

"In Little Rock I met him and learned to love and respect him. He was such a fine representative of the old-time 'Southern Gentleman.' Thus we pass, one by one."

Michigan furnishes this point of interest:—

"It was held there is no law for a Chapter to create a member an Honorary Past High Priest and reviewed the action of the Grand Chapter itself in creating two of its members Honorary Past Grand High Priests, when, in fact, no law authorized it. These things generally go off in a spurt of enthusiasm and good feeling toward some Companion who has been especially popular and has done some big thing.

"It is the old case of hard circumstances make bad laws."

Under Quebec he notes that Kenneth J. Dunsler, Grand First of Canada, was a guest. Such is fame!

Does this proposed change and recommendation under Saskatchewan commend itself to us in Ontario?—

"Notice was given that at the next meeting a motion would be made to change the meeting time from February until June, which seems to us a good change for the far North country, where the February weather is not the best."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Thomas H. Carey, M. Ex. Grand Z.

From the biography of the retiring Grand Z. we find that he is Secretary of the Canadian Club, a Notary Public and Stipendiary Magistrate. He is the "personification of activity, has good judgment and persistent effort;" his features indicate this.

An emergent Convocation of Grand Chapter was held at Vancouver, 26th February, 1927, at which the Grand High Priests of Oregon and of Washington were welcomed to a great gathering of over 500 Royal Craftsmen. The meeting is thus recorded:—

"He pointed to the unique circumstance that the event was the first on which British Columbia Freemasons had the opportunity to receive and welcome two Grand High Priests from neighbouring jurisdictions, and that a great gathering of members would meet to further add to the welcome.

"M. E. Companions Swafford and Drips made suitable replies, most enthusiastically acknowledging the warmth of the welcome and the gift of souvenirs which they would cherish in remembrance of the happy event."

The Ninth Annual Convocation was held in the City of New Westminster 22nd June, 1927. Five Past Grand High Priests, including our own Grand Representative, M. Ex. Comp. Harry H. Watson, were honoured by and honoured Grand Chapter.

The Grand Z. gave a business-like address with detailed accounts of many happy visitations.

He says:—

"We have continued and encouraged fraternal relationships with sister jurisdictions, by correspondence and by an interchange of visits by Grand Chapter officers and Companions."

Of the dead he quotes:—

"Leaf by leaf the roses fall,
Drop by drop the spring runs dry;
One by one beyond recall,
Loved Companions pass us by."

One of his rulings is as follows:—

"An objection is equivalent to a black ball. If the First Principal has an objection to a Candidate, surely the rest of the Companions would support it so that a full quota of two objections would be secured.

"It would be very unpleasant for a First Principal to be forced to confer the degrees on a Candidate whom he knew was not good material to be made a Royal Arch Mason."

British Columbia has no vote of course in General Grand Chapter, but that they have a neighbourly interest is shown by the following:—

"This great Convocation, if held in the West, would prove a great opportunity for our Canadian leaders of Royal Arch Masonry to become acquainted with the leaders of the great United States; therefore, we say to the General Grand Chapter, 'Come to Tacoma, Washington, in 1930.'"

He acknowledges invitations to attend the Grand Chapter of Canada, which he was not able to do.

Of general conditions he says:—

"This small increase in our membership by no means indicates inactivity. Our Chapters will give a good account of themselves at the end of the present year."

The Grand Registrar has something to do in British Columbia and he summarizes points from the history and progress of the different constituent Chapters.

Membership, 2,645. Net increase, 15.

It is their experience that losses from suspensions are almost permanent.

Interesting correspondence was read from Earl Cassillis who refers to his many activities and who expresses great regret that New Zealand should have seen fit to suspend relationships with the Mother Jurisdiction.

Graceful letters were also read from M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan, and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., who say respectively:—

"Will you please convey to the Most Excellent and to the Grand Chapter the warm and cordial greetings of the Grand Chapter of Canada. I am sure your meeting will be successful in every respect and trust that the West and East will work together promoting the mission of Masonry based upon the fundamental principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

"I wish you would also convey my greetings to your Grand Body. I am watching carefully your steady progress and am delighted to see that everything is going very nicely with the Grand Chapter of British Columbia."

Henry Giegerich is the new Grand Z.

From the many In Memoriam pages we take these lines:—

"There is a mystic borderland that lies
Just past the limits of our workday world,
And it is peopled with the friends we meet,
And loved a year, a month, a week or day,
And parted from with aching hearts, yet knew
That through the distance we must loose the hold
Of hand with hand, and only clasp the thread
Of memory. But still so close we feel this land."

E. M. Carleton, of Toronto, represents British Columbia.

The Report on Correspondence is again for the eighth time in the hands of Grand Scribe E. Prescott, who points out that of the 65 Grand Chapters 57 are on the Continent of North America.

Here is something new by way of an experiment. We beg respectfully to doubt the advisability of the plan. However experience is preceded by experiment. There is no question but that Grand Royal Arch Chapter Jurisdictions are driven to take measures for self preservation in several of the United States, but we did not think that it would spread to Canada:—

"One Grand Chapter has arranged with the Grand Council and Grand Commandery of its State to employ a manager and staff of assistants jointly for the purpose of developing these particular bodies.

"The list of Master Masons will be the point of commencement and the young Freemasons will be educated and guided through the various degrees of the several afore-mentioned bodies so that the membership will increase in each."

From the farewell speech of M. Ex. Comp. Johnson we glean the following worthy words:—

"Was it not Browning who said, "The common problem, yours, mine, everyone's is not to fancy what were fair in life but finding first, then make it fair"?

"Likewise the most beautiful face is not the unwrinkled face of gay and irresponsible youth, it is the scarred and careworn face of the mother who gave you life.

"The real spirit of Masonry will yet be triumphantly infused among those who profess to be its members and obey its teachings, that with one heart and with one voice the trials of the afflicted may be soothed, a solace given the wanderer's feet, the orphan receive assistance, and honor found where it is now destitute, that brotherly love, relief and truth may reign supreme, which in turn will clear away the mists of indifference. The clouds of doubt will all disappear when that bright rising sun of Masonry dispels all the gloom through which we are travelling.

"Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Awake, Rise Up! Too long have we tarried in the fascinating but dead things of the world. Rise up, and let us be doing!"

California is gently rallied on Jordan water:—

"The announcement was made that a new Masonic Temple would be erected at Pasadena, and that in order to increase the fund for that purpose 330 gallons of water had been brought from the River Jordan which would be placed on sale at 25 cents a bottle.

"The question naturally arises, what will the purchaser do with his bottle when he gets it, and which will be the more valuable, the bottle or the water. Also why send so far, if the Sacramento River is not dry yet. Direct contributions to be found for such a desirable purpose should be readily obtained without the expense for such an unprofitable inducement."

Canada for 1927 receives five pages of Review, which we appreciate. He refers to our many visitors at Ottawa and praises the great work of the Grand Z., quoting from his address and adding:—

"He is a strong advocate of inter-visits between the Chapters, and urges that strong Chapters should visit smaller Chapters, as it is a Masonic virtue for the strong to help the weak. Also that new members on coming into a Chapter should be introduced personally to all the Companions present and be encouraged in regular attendance and active participation in the work."

He says Grand Scribe E. gives much clear and interesting detail.

Under auditors generally he has this comment:—

"Perhaps it becomes a habit with auditors to preach economy, however, a large amount was provided for benevolence."

He quotes largely from the old lists of Officers of Grand Chapter, many well known in British Columbia in the good old days, and refers to Harry H. Watson's long connection with both Grand Chapters, adding:—

"The foregoing list of names is now and always will be of interest in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia containing as it does a record of those faithful Companions who upheld the banner of Freemasonry under the direction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and in the year 1919 with the consent and assistance of that August Mother Grand Chapter organized a Sovereign body for the Province of British Columbia. Some of those valorous Companions have laid down their working tools and passed on to the realms of peace and bliss but memories of their virtues and loyal work for the cause will always remain bright

and fair in the minds of those of their Companions who are permitted by an All-wise Father to continue the work for the good of mankind."

Of our review he kindly says:—

"He says, 'we have tried to abbreviate,' so that he was not altogether unmindful of the admonition of the auditor. But who should worry about the limitations of an auditor when so much valuable information taken from the utterances of the Rulers of the Royal Craft is available for the use and edification of those Companions who will read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them. The report is full of good things and is an entertaining resumé of the doings of the Sister Jurisdictions."

This from the District of Columbia, 1927:—

"If I might offer a word of advice at the close of my term of office, it would be to call earnestly to your attention the wonderful possibilities in that phase of our fraternity which has been called the 'Brotherhood of Service.' In the ordinary relations of life men do not find the close contact that grips them 'with hoops of steel.' In those relations it takes the force of unusual conditions, like enduring together some great common danger, or passing through some gripping crisis, to bind men's souls together. The friendship of war-time comrades illustrates my meaning.

"Within the peaceful walls of our meeting places, in the endeavor to teach Masonry's great truths to the world, we find a contact that links our Companions together in bonds of brotherhood, light in weight as a silken cord, but stronger than bands of the strongest steel. It is the Brotherhood of Service."

A handsome full page photograph of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, beloved by all, adorns the Proceedings.

This from Kipling through Manitoba:—

"If we knew the cares and trials
 Knew the efforts all in vain.
 And the bitter disappointment,
 Understood the loss and gain—
 Would the grim eternal roughness
 Seem—I wonder—just the same?
 Should we help where now we hinder?
 Should we pity where we blame?"

Nothing good escapes our colleague as an experienced reviewer. He finds in North Carolina these words of appreciation for us—"We like our neighbours. The Canadians are a most wholesome likeable people."

Scotland furnishes much matter for review:—

"In Scottish Masonry, though there is not the same interdependence between the Craft and the Royal Arch as there is in England,

we work closely along the same lines as Grand Lodge. There is some difference in the matter of staffing. In this Grand Chapter all the officers are elective, whereas in Grand Lodge the Grand Master Mason appoints his Depute and Substitute, a course which appears to have been a source of strength to Grand Lodge.

"Other Degrees or higher Degrees, as they are often described, however beautiful in themselves, are mainly Christian, and do not partake of the character of a universal science, such as are represented in the Craft and the Royal Arch."

A little verse from Texas may do some of us good:—

"Could I but say I drew no pay
Except for honest work,
But laboured faithfully each day—
Though wearied, did not shirk—
I'd welcome the soft twilight eve
When last I laid me down,
Without a darkened thought to grieve,
Or fear to mar my crown."

He thus concludes his review:—

"Our father's God! from out whose hand
The centuries fall like grains of sand,
We meet to-day, united, free,
And loyal to our land and Thee,
To thank Thee for the era done
And trust Thee for the opening one."

CALIFORNIA.

Clifton S. Hite, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter assembled in Masonic Temple, Santa Barbara, April 19th, 1927, with nine Past Grand High Priests adding dignity to the Convocation.

The Proceedings are preceded by this note:—

"At each meeting of the Chapter, whether stated or special, the Secretary's copy should be on his desk and at the service of those present."

Titles of meetings of bodies composed exclusively of Masons are given as follows:—Lodges hold Communications, Chapters hold Convocations, the Order of High Priesthood holds Conventions, Councils R. and S.M. hold Assemblies, Commanderies K.T. hold Conclaves, Preceptories K.T. hold Assemblies, Consistories A. and S.R. hold Rendezvous. To this is appended a further note:—

"Knights Templar system of Great Britain and the Colonies—do not confer the 'Order of the Red Cross' known to the United States system, except in Canada."

Distinguished visitors and earthquake and fire survivors were cordially welcomed.

The Grand High Priest gave a brief, business-like address urging further social and fraternal intercourse between the Chapters situated convenient to one another.

Membership, 25,499. Net gain, 755.

Grand Lecturer Richards is evidently the right man in the right place. He faces difficulties, though he cannot solve them altogether. He says:—

"Our most difficult task in these modern times is to render our Chapter meetings attractive to our membership; to increase and hold the attendance; to interest those on the side-lines; to deliver and carry on our degree work so that it may not become tiresome or burdensome; endeavoring always to induce our officers to render intelligent and correct work without the loss of time, especially in the Royal Arch degree, so that at the exaltation and conclusion of this most sublime degree in all Masonry, we may yet have present and interested a goodly number of Companions on the side-lines, not only as a proper setting for the most important part of the degree and the favorable impression which we are striving to create in the minds of candidates, but also as an inducement and encouragement to our regular attendants for their presence at future meetings.

"It would not in anywise lessen or detract from the dignity or effectiveness of the degree, nor interfere with Masonic history or Royal Arch tradition, then by combining the THREE trips of the Principal Sojourner and candidates to the W-L or V-t into one trip, not only would it be a step toward curing or at least alleviating, the evils complained of and go a long way toward holding the interest of those present and saving their presence for the conclusion of the degree, but a great deal of valuable time would be conserved which would also materially lessen that inaction which now exists on the part of practically all of the other officers.

"From a reading of the year-books of other jurisdictions, I find there is a constantly increasing frown being put upon anything of a frivolous nature being indulged in at Chapter meetings and likewise during the conferring of degrees."

The Grand Organist was authorized to prepare and present to next Convocation suitable music appertaining to the several Degrees.

Grand Chapter has expended \$1,900 for Students' Loan Fund, co-operating with the Trustees of the Masonic Homes, who have expended \$12,000. Everywhere through-

out the south and west especially this splendid educational Campaign is being carried out and the reward is in a better educated citizenship of Masonic kinship.

The Committee devoted several mourning pages to those Companions who have passed away and conclude with this fine and hopeful thought:—

“It is meet that custom has decreed that we shall turn for a while from the resplendent majesty of life to contemplate the mystery of death, and pay affectionate tribute to the memories of those beloved Companions who have preceded us in that inevitable pilgrimage through the beckoning shadows that darkly trail beyond the borders of the world in which we live, embarked upon that mystic voyage to the far fair fields of Paradise.”

“And greeted the friends who have sailed before
Over the Unknown Sea to the Unknown Shore.”

“All that tread the globe
Are but a handful to the tribes that slumber in its bosom.”

Joseph Whyte Rogers represents California, and Roland English Hartley, of San Francisco represents us.

The statistical tables of A. K. Wilson, of Kansas, are reproduced as the standard.

The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence is Arthur A. Willoughby, who in his introduction says:—

“The report of the Committee on Correspondence this year follows the lines of the standard report used in every Grand Jurisdiction reviewed and gives the work of each jurisdiction separately.

“The review of the various jurisdictions brings out the point that there has been a great deal of slowing up in the number of degrees conferred and the axe of suspension has been falling heavily. In Georgia, for instance, there were nearly three times as many let out by the suspension route as were exalted. Kentucky suspended nearly twice as many as were exalted. Oklahoma, Mississippi and South Carolina showed more suspensions than exaltations. In several other jurisdictions the ratio was about equal.

“Attendance and interest in Chapter meetings have been found to be troublesome in a number of jurisdictions.

“California's Grand Representatives have only batted 50 per cent. on attendance at the various Convocations the past year.”

He quotes under Alberta their analysis of non-attendance as being due in his opinion to slovenly presentation of the degree work, failing to open Chapter punctually, regarding capitular degrees as an avenue of approach to

something else. He also urges that the Chapter abolish the moon schedule which still survives.

Canada is favorably and sometimes critically reviewed. He says:—

“In his address the Grand Z. reported that three new Chapters had been consecrated and dedicated. Dispensations were granted to confer the degrees on candidates who had physical disabilities, the Grand Z. stating that he considered mental and moral qualifications more important than the physical; to confer the degrees on bank clerks who had not acquired the necessary residence requirement. (Why bank clerks should be singled out was not made clear); to allow Chapter members to appear in regalia at divine services; to allow Chapter members to appear in regalia at a Blue Lodge function (it would appear that the Blue Lodge is not a proper place to be using Chapter regalia for presumably advertising purposes).

“The Committee on Capitular Masonry offers an adjuration that we ‘should ever guard against the evil of passiveness when Royal Arch Masonry is used merely as a bridge to cross an intervening space to gain something beyond the Chapter.’

“The correspondence report is prepared by Companion Ponton, and while it carries many quotations yet these are interspersed with a running line of interesting comment that it is a pleasure to read.”

Under England the Reviewer says that Grand Chapter is excellently officered and that:—

“A number of the Chapters were granted permission to remove their meeting places to restaurants and hotels while one Chapter was permitted to remove from a restaurant to a gallery.”

He closes his correspondence with a statistical analysis of membership of United States Grand Chapters from a new point of view, and makes the following observations regarding matters of current interest:—

“Wisconsin and Michigan are the two outstanding exponents of the De Molay idea for R.A. Masonry. As opposed to these are Maine which is strongly opposed to sponsoring juvenile organizations, as tending to subvert the idea of non-solicitation for Masonic membership. Colorado is another strong opposer. Nebraska permits sponsoring without use of Chapter funds. Wisconsin openly treats De Molay as making a fine Masonic incubator and the state deputy boasts of how many Masons have been made from the membership.”

“Georgia, Manitoba, North Carolina and Nebraska are strong for the reunion idea of conferring degrees in large doses, giving all four degrees at one sitting.

“One Iowa Chapter offered a \$50 silk flag to Blue Lodge furnishing most petitions. Action frowned upon.

"The Grand High Priest in North Carolina conferred all the degrees in Chapter, Council and Commandery as he went along and rustled a lot of applications.

"Four Grand Chapters do not have Masters of the Veils: California, Indiana, Kansas and South Carolina.

COLORADO.

Robert A. Steen, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Fifty-second Annual Convocation was held at Denver, September 23rd, 1926.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests honored and were honored in the Grand East.

As in so many Jurisdictions, the roll of deceased Past Grand High Priests was called by the Grand Secretary, the Grand High Priest responding as each name was called, with the date of his death.

Canada's Grand Representative was not present.

The Grand High Priest said to them:—

"I trust that each of you in the near future will communicate directly to your Grand High Priest these sentiments. Keep in touch with the Grand Chapter which you have the honor to represent, for as you serve them, so will you serve this Grand Chapter."

And their spokesman replied:—

"The great Masonic Fraternity may be looked upon as a universal university. We find by analysis that the greatest forces for evil in this country spring from two sources, ignorance and intolerance."

From the address of the Grand High Priest we make the following extract:—

"In Masonry when we take our annual inventory the financial position should of necessity not be overlooked, but the one great test of our institution is not of monetary value; we must justify our existence in a different way, and do all in our power to make the place we call home the best governed community in the world. The most important question for each of us to settle in our own minds is whether or not we as individuals have made the most of our opportunities."

Grand Chapter had certainly financial troubles during the past year. Grand Treasurer Bishop having been an officer in a bank which closed its doors and they had to borrow \$5,000 from the Grand Lodge to float them along. The Grand Treasurer was of course requested for his

resignation and fortunately was bonded for \$45,000, a large part of which was recovered.

Among the fraternal courtesies we notice the following:—

“I requested M.E. Companion John Albert Blake, General Grand High Priest, to designate Honolulu Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, to confer the Degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch upon Brother Davis Turk for Denver Chapter, Colorado.”

Membership, 8,102. Net gain, 38.

The Colorado Soldier Masons' War Relief Fund continues to prosper, the assets totalling \$43,632.

The Committee on Memorials say:—

“As the ripples caused by the casting of a stone into the lake, go on and on in ever widening circles, so is it with example and influence.”

\$8,000 was appropriated for the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, which was looked forward to with expectancy.

James McC. Potts, of Stirling, represents Colorado, and Stanley C. Warner, an old Napanee boy, represents Canada.

From the In Memoriam page we take this verse:—

“The grave itself is but a covered bridge,
Leading from light to light, through a brief darkness.”

The Report on Correspondence is again by H. W. Woodward, his third, and he presents much of discriminating interest.

Under Alabama he says:—

“Individual appeals from the members will accomplish as much, and if a Chapter as a Chapter tries to influence law making it establishes a bad precedent.”

Under Arkansas:—

“We believe with him that it is entirely useless to try to revive interest in such Chapters. They are simply a dead weight on the working members of the Fraternity.

“Masonry, more especially the degrees beyond the Lodge, is in the nature of luxury, and if a man cannot afford luxuries, he should be prepared to go without them.

“Some Chapters are in a cold and listless condition, and the fault is often with the officers and dilatory secretaries who fail to keep up interest in the work. We believe this to be true in at

least ninety per cent. of such cases, not only in Arkansas but in many other Jurisdictions."

British Columbia furnishes concentrated food for thought:—

"The address of the Grand Z. is of the shortest, but one paragraph, which we quote below, is worth pages of words which do not go to the point."

Canada is briefly reviewed. He is pleased with our notice of the death of Thomas R. Marshall, Ex. Vice-President of the United States, and he refers to the Grand Superintendent's Reports and to Grand Scribe E. showing a consistent gain.

As to the Ritual Revision he says:—

"We believe that after due and careful consideration, the committee will let the Mark Master degree remain as it is."

He credits this Reviewer with writing a very complete report covering all Jurisdictions.

Florida attracts his attention:—

"Another matter that is receiving much attention is the growing number of organizations that make Masonic membership a more or less prerequisite. However meritorious each may be in its own aims and objects, the Mother Craft should not be held responsible for the acts of its offsprings which it cannot or does not control."

Iowa has always fertile ground and we find the following:—

"We have said elsewhere, and still think that it is the Secretary who is responsible for this condition. We know from a report elsewhere in these proceedings that many of the Secretaries are poorly paid and some are not paid at all. Why not pay the Secretaries a fair salary for the work they do, and hold them strictly to account? Let the travelling auditor check them up, and have power to suspend them from office if the work is not properly performed."

He gives New York this conservative comment:—

"One of the questions asked was whether a quartet belonging to a certain Chapter might sing in public wearing the Chapter regalia, or, if that should be barred, if they could wear gowns.

"Ambition and enthusiasm should be tempered with dignity and due regard for the reputation of the Royal Craft."

He approves Comp. Core, of Pennsylvania, in the following words:—

"We are glad to have his approval of our opinion on Masonry mixing into politics.

"Will the demand for 'mass action' along some one or more definite uplift lines replace the old work of Masonry? Must we resort to the spectacular to attract the crowd."

Under Virginia's rapid fire product he says:—

"They held an all-day session, beginning at eight-thirty in the morning, and conferred the Royal Arch degree upon ninety-four candidates. They used the entire building and teams were started every fifteen minutes 'passing' from room to room until received in the east.' We are unable to understand just how this was done, but it would seem a little bit like assembling a Ford car. The Chapter that did this work is three years old and has a membership of nearly seven hundred."

In his conclusion he pays a tribute to the late Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster, who died two days after the close of last Convocation, and whose fine picture is reproduced in the Proceedings.

As to the conservative nature of Grand Chapters he says:—

"The Chapter, perhaps more than any other Masonic body, travels in beaten paths."

CONNECTICUT.

Albert L. Darbie, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation was held in Hartford, May 10th, 1927.

No less than 19 Past Grand High Priests were at the post of duty, the second largest number among the Jurisdictions which we have reviewed. With never failing fidelity, George N. Delap represented Canada.

It was resolved to defray the expenses of the Council Officers, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priests to the General Grand Chapter at Denver.

Distinguished visitors were welcomed with Grand Honors from Quebec, Indiana, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania and General Grand Chapter.

This Reviewer has experienced the bountiful hospitality of Connecticut and Hartford on several occasions.

A worthy custom followed the announcement of the death of Past Grand High Priests, namely, that the altar

and jewels in every Chapter are draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

Some criticism is given to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association to which Connecticut had contributed \$500. It would appear from a preliminary statement that out of \$12,900 collected only \$440 had been expended for relief and \$10,000 had been used for organization, printing, salaries, etc. No further action is to be taken but probably there is another side to the story also as the enterprise is an appealing one.

Three actors desiring to join the Royal Craft and never being in one place for a period of six months, though in Connecticut for the greater part of the past two years, the Grand High Priest ruled:—

"If, however, they have not claimed their legal residence in those cities since they took up the practise of their profession and simply name those cities as their residence owing to the fact that they formerly lived there before they entered their present occupation, and have not been in any one place long enough to establish a legal residence, they would fall under the same class as a soldier or a sailor and would be entitled to receive their degrees where they now are."

Another ruling is:—

"Dual membership is prohibited in our Grand Jurisdiction, and therefore we cannot receive a Companion as a member of one of our Chapters while he is a member of a Chapter in any other Grand Jurisdiction.

"A Chapter can admit a non-affiliate Royal Arch Mason to membership only on petition for affiliation and ballot."

Also that when a Companion took out a demit with the intention of changing his residence and afterwards decided not to do so and now desires to be reinstated,—a Chapter can admit a non-affiliate R.A.M. to membership only on petition for affiliation and ballot.

Many visitations both within and without the Jurisdiction were made by the Grand High Priest, and when Canada's invitation came he deputed Comp. Delap to represent him.

"Companion Delap reports that he was very cordially received, entertained at the Hotel Chateau Laurier, and at a banquet in the evening he gave the Companions of Canada the greetings from Connecticut."

He was represented by D.G.H.P. Klatte at Montreal, in March. We had the privilege of meeting him there.

Among his recommendations is the following:—

"I recommend that the office of Grand Lecturer be created, thereby placing the responsibility of instructing the Chapters on their ritual work in one person, who can give uniform instructions throughout the Jurisdiction."

Of the Masonic Home he says:—

"The Masonic Charity Foundation in addition to caring for aged Masons, their wives, mothers, sisters and daughters, is also performing the very important work of rearing and educating our deceased brothers' orphans."

Referring to the elimination of the P.M. Degree:—

"The several Grand Chapters of the British Dominions also fail to recognize the Past Master's degree as a prerequisite to the Royal Arch degree."

He recommends that all R.A.M.'s hailing from other Grand Jurisdictions be healed in this respect.

We note the continued activity of our old friend, Edgar B. Ellis.

Membership, 6,668. Net gain, 137.

The roll call was as usual, held *at the end* of the session and all were found represented. The wholesome lesson taught last year evidently went home.

Harvey J. Milne, of Kingston, represents Connecticut. The Order of High Priesthood flourishes.

George A. Kies, P.G.H.P., presents his nineteenth Annual Review, and of the decrease through nearly all Grand Jurisdictions he says:—

"We are now reaping the crop sown during the feverish period of the war when we were flooded with candidates. We believe the present condition is but the prelude to our gradual return to normalcy."

Under Alberta we read:—

"The action of Wyoming, in ruling that a candidate should receive at least the Mark degree in the Chapter electing him, is noted with approval."

From California we take this vigorous expression of opinion by our out-spoken colleague:—

"While we believe that genuinely good reports on the topical plan require marked ability as an essayist and in consequence are mostly failures, we do agree with his contention that, if the ma-

jority of the Companions in his State prefer that sort of thing, no outsider has any ground for complaint. At the same time, one can and probably will express his opinion as often as he chuses, which of course is addressed solely to his own Companions.

"As to quotations from other reviewers, we can in general get more solid and useful Masonic instruction from their writings than from the proceedings of their Grand Bodies. Hence we quote freely from their reports and shall continue until we find the consensus of Connecticut opinion to the contrary."

Canada is fully reviewed. He quotes from one of the Grand Z.'s rulings that Chapters may apparently suspend their By-laws, and says this would be illegal in Connecticut.

He commends to notice the financial and temporalities report. He interestingly reviews our review saying:—

"One of his comments, on our correspondence report:—

"'Scotland is, we regret to say, termed "stiff-necked as ever." It is the firm fibre of Scottish men in maintaining their rights and the liberties of the world that has given much of the determined character to the British race.

"'He does not agree with your reporter's question as to present-day utility of Grand Representatives.

"'We cannot agree with his estimate of lawyers.

"'With regard to our profession may I suggest that the most wide horized administrators are taken from the Law.'

"He wishes Ontario would more frequently use the far-reaching Tyler's Toast. According to our information, it reads: 'To all poor distressed Masons, wherever dispersed on land or water! Wishing them a speedy relief from their suffering, and a safe return to their native land, should they so desire.'

"As most of you know, Companion Ponton is a lawyer and K.C. Hence his opinion, under Kentucky, is worth noting:

"'It is not now safe for any Chapter or Lodge (especially in convictions under O.T.A.) to act upon the decision of the Courts. There should be in all cases the regular Masonic trial.'"

A gleam of fun which we all know so well who have met him, expresses itself in print under Colorado:—

"He unblushingly avers that the only thing he knows about Peoria, Illinois is 'that there used to be a distillery there.' Fie, fie."

His terse and brief comment contained in the following extract from District of Columbia is eloquent:—

"A denied request for dispensation for a short-time ballot, gave as reason: 'To complete Chapter work . . . to take up other Masonic work which he, the (candidate) contemplates.' This proved to be a desire to join a Commandery K. T. Very naive."

He also speaks of this fertile Jurisdiction as follows:—

“In this particular, political and Masonic conditions show a close parallel. As Companion Jermane is an experienced newspaper correspondent (political), his observations and prognostications are those of an expert.”

Under England we read:—

“Petitions were granted for a number of new Chapters each being ‘attached’ to some Lodge, according to British practice.”

Throughout he notes that several Reviews agree with him regarding De Molay and the difference between individual and organization support.

Under Indiana he says:—

“We are glad that, under Canada, Woods agrees with our stand on the Grand Chapter of Queensland.”

Under Nova Scotia he again points out a difference. There they hold that dues accrue during suspension. Not so in Connecticut.

Pennsylvania again comes in for much discussion:—

“For our own part, we feel that Pennsylvania’s action is perfectly logical. The P.M. degree ought never to have been included in the Capitular curriculum. So far as Connecticut is concerned, our Chapters have by longtime custom conferred the degree gratis upon visiting R.A. Masons who lacked it.”

He is even inclined to agree with Utah permitting the high standard of Royal Arch Masonry, (as we think), to be impaired by indulging in smoking during business convocations, though of course never during Ritualistic work.

“For thy sake Tobacco, I
Would do anything but die.”

“He notes that ‘Utah stands for the individual ballot’ versus the collective.”

DELAWARE.

George O. Fearon, M.E. Grand High Priest.

It is interesting to note and for the first time, that the Grand High Priest was born in Cumberland County, England, and was educated at the *Freemasons School for Boys in England*; afterwards being employed in London in commercial houses and with railroads in Manchester.

Since coming to the United States he has been identified with the Pennsylvania Railway.

He is an Episcopalian, and is Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Delaware Legislature.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation was held in Wilmington, 19th January, 1927. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests as permanent members, adding dignity to the Grand East.

There was a galaxy of distinguished visitors from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Maryland as well as the Grand Master of Delaware.

The Grand High Priest presented a business-like address in concentrated form which does not lend itself much to quotatoin. At the beginning he says:—

“Referring to the membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, we show a net loss of 54 for the year, but yet I feel that we are in a healthier condition than a year ago.

“I congratulate St. John’s Chapter for having the courage to do its duty and clean house; only by this procedure shall we return to normalcy in Capitular Masonry.”

He records the present membership as 2,014.

He made many visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions, including the George Washington National Memorial.

His account of the hospitable reception at Providence revives delightful memories in this reviewer. We had the pleasure of meeting the Grand High Priest on December 2nd at Philadelphia.

He specially thanked Thomas J. Day for the splendid work he is doing as Foreign Correspondent and closed with this expression of good will:—

“I wish to express my sincere appreciation to each member of my official staff. They have at all times exhibited that spirit of co-operation and loyalty that makes for success.”

Canada was represented by Comp. George S. Scott. Alfred C. Larter, of Toronto, represents Delaware.

The Proceedings are not indexed.

The Committee on Jurisprudence congratulated Grand Chapter on the splendid leadership it has enjoyed during the year and commend inter-visitations as promoting

closer and more cordial relations between various Jurisdictions.

J. W. Woodford was elected Grand High Priest.

The standing resolutions of Grand Chapter are printed in full. Among them the following:—

“The appointment of Grand Representatives shall be permanent and the Commissions of said Representatives shall only be withdrawn for cause.”

The Foreign Correspondence is by M. Ex. Comp. Thomas J. Day, and is a model of concentration in small type.

This from Arkansas:—

“The purpose of this review is to give a resume of the outstanding features in a brief way so that a busy man can read it in a short time and get the results.”

This from British Columbia:—

“It has been well said that Friendship is the greatest chain of human society and the intercourse of letters is one of the chiefest links in that chain.”

Under Canada our confrère speaks of our many visitors at the Toronto meeting and records his approval of the sensible way in which M. Ex. Comp. Davis settled questions. He quotes at length from Comp. Gardiner's Report on the Condition of Masonry, and he appears appreciative of our Review and of the liberal portion accorded to Delaware.

Under Colorado we read:—

“Those other periods came, flourished, reached their zenith and fell, leaving only their works behind them. Can it be possible that our race, our nation, will flourish, reach its zenith and perish?”

We clip this from the District of Columbia's Review:—

“It's just the spirit that holds you true

To what you've started, and bears you through it;

It's doing the work that you want to do

In the way that you want to do it.”

He records with approval that the Pro. First Grand Principal desires to see more life in the Grand Chapter of England.

A word may be said for passive Chapters. We gather from Iowa:—

"Let us not be too exacting with inactive Chapters, they are composed in most cases of good Royal Arch Masons, just as good as you and I, but for some reason are not able to muster the necessary enthusiasm to keep up with the procession."

The rigor with which New York regards the Order of High Priesthood is thus recorded:—

"Three High Priests failed to receive the Order of High Priesthood and were thereby disqualified from presiding in their Chapters."

In his review of Tennessee he speaks of Delaware as the "First State in the Union." It is within our province to appreciate ourselves.

The Order of High Priesthood prospers.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Daniel G. Davis, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The biography of the Grand High Priest precedes the Proceedings and he is happy indeed whose biographer is justified in summing up his virtues as is done in the case of Comp. Davis:—

"Some one has said, 'Unless benevolence is in thy heart, thou art poor, regardless of the fatness of thy purse.' Measured by this standard, Companion Davis may well be counted as possessing treasures untold, for one of the prominent characteristics of his make-up is a sincere and benevolent regard for his fellowmen. His aim was to establish such co-operation among the Chapters and their members as would enable them to present a united front in all their endeavors. His success along these lines was perhaps the outstanding feature of his administration."

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation was held in Washington, D.C., February 9th, 1927.

Nine Past Grand High Priests reported for their labor of love and of duty.

Canada was represented by one of the faithful, Lucien G. Yung.

The attendance of an unusually large number of officers and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge was pleasantly noted, and Rhode Island was welcomed.

From the introduction to the Grand High Priest's address we make the following selections which have meat in them:—

"Human nature is such that we give little heed to events that have passed. The things that we have done, large as they may

loom in our own vision, often seem of little importance to others. The busy world to-day is concerned with what we can do and are doing, not with what we have done. And yet, I believe we would fail to make real progress if we were to discard entirely a proper consideration of past events. We are to determine whether or not it measures up to the standard which we have heretofore set and, in the proportion that it meets or fails to meet that standard, to give or withhold the stamp of approval.

"Men seldom attain all the objectives toward which they set their feet. I take it to be a great step toward real achievement for any man to have the will to strive earnestly and constantly to reach a level which means for him an enlargement of vision and the development of his character and ability.

"Throughout all our course in Masonry we are urged to engage in what may well be described as a symbolic search for light. Not physical light, affecting only the senses, but the light of reason, the light of education, that great element which means so much in the development of the individual.

"Companions must remember that no teacher can impart knowledge to another unless there is back of his teaching a firm belief within himself in the truth of the lessons intended to be taught. No leader of men can successfully direct his followers unless he is himself firmly convinced of the righteousness of his cause.

"Know this truth—that no evil can happen to a good man, either in life or after death."

Under the Condition of the Craft he says:—

"The losses total 427, so that a net loss of 119 is recorded, as against a loss of 53 last year."

"There were also 70 less affiliations, but this difference may be largely accounted for by the fact that a new Chapter was formed. Eleven Chapters report numerical losses, while but five report gains.

"Either there is a lack of effective leadership or a failure on the part of the responsible officers of the Chapters to enthuse their members to a degree that causes them to become earnest exponents of the advantages of Royal Arch membership."

He approves of this practical charity:—

"A pleasing incident at two of the visitations was the presentation by the High Priest of a substantial check as a donation to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, the donation being in lieu of the expenditure of a similar amount for decorations and entertainment."

He holds that the statutory requirement of residence is for twelve months **immediately** preceding date of petition. Periods have been shortened in the case of military or naval service.

He commends the High Priests' Association in the following words:—

"We are apt in our fraternal as well as in our daily life to go far afield for means with which to attain a desired object, overlooking the ofttimes more efficient instruments that lie at our hands. I think that this is true with regard to the High Priests' Association and that we have not used it as fully or as efficiently in the past as we might have done."

In his conclusion he gives a merited word of praise to one who is to the manor born:—

"It may not be amiss to refer here to the work of Past Grand High Priest W. W. Jermane. As Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, his work is not brought as prominently to your attention as it should be. In this capacity he reviews the Proceedings of our sister Jurisdictions, at home and abroad, a colossal task. To it he brings a nice discrimination that enables him to select the subjects that have a universal interest and his comments on them are unusually valuable because of his long training in the newspaper field."

He thus gracefully says good-night:—

"Both gratitude and appreciation are joined as I contemplate the opportunity for service you have afforded me.

"Fortunate are we that, within the peaceful walls of our meeting places, in the endeavor to teach Masonry's great truths to the world, we find a contact that links our Companions together in bonds of brotherhood, light in weight as a silken cord, but stronger than bands of the strongest steel. It is the Brotherhood of Service. Service for our fellow men."

Part of Grand Lecturer Yung's Report was objected to by a Companion, and that portion relating to the use of a substitute for one of the candidates in the R.A. degree, to conciliate him and preserve peace, was omitted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Work and Lectures says:—

"The committee has had a representative present at nearly every meeting of the School of Instruction to examine candidates for certificates of proficiency, but the lack of interest in this work by the Companions has been very disappointing."

Robert W. Clewlo, of Toronto, represents the District of Columbia.

The doings of the Capitular world are recorded by M. Ex. Comp. W. W. Jermane, who thus expresses himself in his Foreword:—

"In the Foreword this year—as in the Review by States—I return to the question of the slump which followed the inrush of the war period. I return to it for the purpose of saying that, so far as can be gleaned from the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters, the worst is over. Net decreases continue to show themselves here and there, but, as a rule, the states which show them one year, do not do so afterwards. Like the influenza, which has been sweeping over parts of North America this winter, the attack is mild.

"Officers and other members of Chapters, in large numbers, have made up their minds to go to work. Wisconsin has hardly felt the reaction. It shows a net gain of 983, and the sensational claim is made that 42½ per cent. of its Blue Lodge members are in the Chapters. The scaling down is noticeable in all the larger states, but it is not alarming.

"There are several hundred Chapters in the United States whose charters should have been taken up long ago. But nothing was done. Now, however, many of them have been so hard hit as to be in a hopeless condition. Every Grand Chapter which does pruning of this sort will be all the better for it afterwards."

Under California he records the making of William G. McAdoo, a prominent leader of the Democratic Party, a Chapter Mason at Los Angeles, the degree being conferred by Grand Chapter Officers for the first time, and they acquitted themselves most creditably. The largest Masonic Hall in Los Angeles was used and 800 Companions were turned away. He says that Comp. Plumb says that California Companions like his topical form of Report and adds dryly "but there is no accounting for tastes."

We thought we had done pretty well in our Canada Jurisdiction latterly but our colleague tells us that there is the same falling off of work that has been noticeable through the North American part of the Capitular world. One thing, however, reassured him and that was the Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance. He commends the condensed sketch of the history of the Jurisdiction given by the Grand Z.

Of our Review he kindly speaks:—

"The Capitular Review continues to be written—and written well—by Companion Ponton, to whom the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia and the chairman of its Committee on Correspondence are under obligations for generous and kindly treatment. In his present place, it is easy to believe he will have an opportunity to do some of the most effective work in his Masonic career thus far."

We glean the following from his Review of Connecticut:—

"The theory of robes and uniforms is all right, but in actual practice it doesn't seem to work out in one Chapter out of a hundred. Most of the time the clothes do not fit, they become dirty and in need of repairs that they do not get, and the general effect is, as the Grand High Priest said, ludicrous."

Iowa Chapters are active, but the net total results are discouraging. Our colleague says:—

"The Grand Secretary, in speaking of what he calls an 'Irish dividend'—meaning by that the net loss of 133—points out that 80 per cent. of the suspensions for non-payment of dues during the year were of those exalted in 1919 and 1920.

"Iowa Chapters are alive and doing a great deal of work. That is the test. It is in states where activity is at a fairly low ebb that the net gains, as a rule, are small, and here and there are converted into net losses. Iowa is an exception to that rule, for she has a net loss despite the fact that her Chapters are busy."

He notes the following legislation of New Jersey:—

"It was decided to amend the law and provide that only affiliated Master Masons may continue to be members of Chapters, or may apply for the Chapter degrees."

He seems gravely surprised in being able to make the following comment on Pennsylvania:—

"But Pennsylvania is showing signs of greater liberality of thought and less fear of innovation."

We all glory in the good work of Texas as thus reported:—

"In making his thirteenth annual report, the Grand Secretary, after observing that it 'does not show a very great increase numerically or financially,' points out some of the big things that are going on: 'The Home for Aged Masons is adequate for all who need our protection; the income from the endowment fund * * * is sufficient for all requirements, and leaves a balance to its credit; our educational fund * * * has been sufficient to take care of all worthy and needs applicants; the report of the Committee on Masonic Education shows that Masonic lectures have been delivered to approximately one-half of the membership.

"Such statements could have been made only for a Grand Chapter that was full of good works."

His valedictory is graceful:—

"Seven times around the magic circle, with great pleasure and profit to myself, and I hope with at least a little bit to a goodly number of those who read about what I found while making the last circuit."

ENGLAND.

M.E. Comp. H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, First Grand Principal.

M.E. Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Pro. First Grand Principal.

Colonel F. S. W. Cornwallis, O.B.E., Second Grand Principal.

V. Rev. Dean J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., Third Grand Principal.

Among those present we note the outstanding names of several Grand Superintendents of Districts and of Sir Alfred Robbins, Herbert F. Manisty, K.C., and pages of others, showing the prominence of the members of the Royal Craft in British life.

Grand Chapter was opened in antient and solemn form.

The In Memoriam note at each Quarterly meeting is dignified:—

“The Committee has the melancholy duty to report the death of the following Past Grand Officers, who have been conspicuous by their devotion to Royal Arch Masonry.”

Among the seven new Chapters one is attached to Leverhulme Lodge to meet at the Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight, Cheshire.

Several removals of Chapters are permitted, one from the Comedy Restaurant, Panton Street, Haymarket, to the Holborn Restaurant. Familiar names.

Lord Ampthill allows nothing to pass and when an application came for a Charter of Confirmation he asked how the Charter came to be lost. It simply disappeared from the desk of one of the Scribe E.'s and every search had been made for it without success.

St. George Chapter, Madras, having ceased to meet and returned its Charter, Lord Ampthill as a former District Grand Master of Madras, insisted upon having the reasons.

Then at the close of the meeting came the first of the series of addresses which he proposes to give when possible, at each meeting of Grand Chapter, and we feel sure that those of our readers who heard him personally when in Canada and those who know of his great leader-

ship, will be interested in noting the spirituality and intensity of the man and his directness of address:—

“I propose, by way of experiment, to give you a ten-minute lecture or address, of the kind that I should like to have, from some learned and experienced Companion, at every meeting of this Supreme Grand Chapter, as an example and guide to Private Chapters. If you ask, why I do this myself, instead of getting some competent lecturer to take the lead, I will tell you quite frankly.

“*Fiat experimentum in corpore vili*” is a wise maxim of the antients, which still appeals to everybody, and it is guiding me this evening. I do not believe in asking others to do anything that I am not willing to do myself, and, if you do not like this experiment, I would rather take the whole blame myself than share it with anyone else. “Example is better than precept” is a homely saying, in which I believe so firmly, that I always try to take it for my guidance.

“I call the Royal Arch Degree the Keystone of Masonry under the English Constitution, because the Union of the two Grand Lodges could not be brought about, until the Royal Arch was recognized in 1813, and because any alteration in the solemn declaration, which embodied that recognition, and stands as the first article of our Book of Constitutions, would inevitably cause the collapse of the whole magnificent structure, that has been raised upon the foundation of the Union.

“Mark the word ‘including,’ which is of vital importance. The use of that word signifies that the Royal Arch is not an additional, or fourth, degree, but something that pervades, and is essential to, our whole system.

“The correspondence in the outward forms of administration, is the only visible sign of an inward principle, which is the very spirit of English Masonry.

“The Royal Arch degree, definitely and indissolubly, commits us to adherence to the first great Landmark of Freemasonry. Its adoption as a vital part of our system, confirmed and sealed, forever, a definite understanding as to the religious nature and purpose of English Freemasonry.

“I use the word ‘religious’ in its original and deepest sense.

“We cannot in any way dissociate the two. We cannot rightly understand the one without the other. The Royal Arch degree declares and defines the first great Landmark of Freemasonry.

“Here then is one of the finest tributes ever paid to British Masonry, for it shows that, as at present constituted and controlled, it provides the most formidable barrier against the infiltration of this country by alien or subversive secret societies.

“We have a duty towards our country, as against the King’s enemies lurking in unseen places. We have a mission in the cause of humanity, civilization and religion. Let us think and strive accordingly. Our defence must be like that of the British Navy, which is sometimes called the ‘great silent Service,’ unostentatious,

unprovocative, and inaggressive, but sleeplessly vigilant, prepared in every quarter, and absolutely impregnable."

At the Convocation held 2nd February, 1927, in addition to others mentioned at the first, there were present Sir Colville Smith, C.V.O., Grand Scribe E., and Sir John Ferguson, K.B.E., Past Grand Treasurer, and many others personally known to us.

No less than 17 new Chapters came into existence. The first St. Andrew's Chapter is fathered by Sir Stanley Machin, Past Grand Treasurer (who has visited Canada). The three last on the list are situated in Madras, Ashanti and Kenya Colony, illustrating our broad-cast brotherhood.

Lord Ampthill delivered his second address from which we take the following informative and educational extracts:—

"My object is, to demonstrate that it is possible for the Principals of Private Chapters to give, within the brief space of five or ten minutes, instruction which the Companions ought to have, and will be glad to have. Incidentally, I wish to show, that we are not fulfilling our contract, with those whom we admit to our Order, unless we go beyond the bare ritual, in the teaching which we give them.

"The definition given absolutely precludes any compromise with those intellectual evasions of belief in the Divine Creator of the Universe, which prevent us from recognizing certain foreign systems of Masonry.

"In Scotland there is no Mark Grand Lodge, and the Royal Arch is bound up with the Mark Degree.

"The Mark Degree in Scotland is regarded as the concluding portion of the Degree of Fellow Craft, although it is only conferred on Master Masons, and it is a necessary qualification for the Royal Arch. There is, therefore, a dual control on the Mark Degree in Scotland, which is exercised by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter, and the Degree is worked both by Lodge and Chapter. There is, however, no such connection between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Chapter of Scotland, as we have here in England. A Scottish Master Mason has to take the Mark, and also the Excellent Master Degree, before he can be exalted in the Holy Royal Arch.

"In Ireland the Mark Degree is completely under the control of the Grand Chapter, which is independent of the Grand Lodge. No Brother can be exalted to the Royal Arch until he is a Master Mason of six months' standing, and then only after he has received the Mark Degree. In Ireland the Royal Arch ceremony differs much from that of England and Scotland, since it has nothing to do with the rebuilding of the Temple, as narrated by

Ezra, but with the Repairing of the Temple of Josiah. The three Principals in Ireland being Josiah, the King, Holkiah, the Priest, and Shaphan the Scribe.

"In Canada, the Scottish system has had a predominant influence, and the Royal Arch is closely connected with the Mark; a circumstance which inevitably complicates our relations with the Grand Chapters of Canada.

"I suggest to you, Companions, that it is worth our while to acquaint ourselves with the nature of other systems, especially those of which the foundations were laid many years ago, by men of our own race, for it is only thus that we can get a true appreciation of our own system, and avoid those errors which arise from false and superstitious tradition."

"The address was very greatly appreciated by all the Companions present."

Convocation held 4th May, 1927, was presided over by M.E. Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis.

Fraternal birthday good wishes were sent to and acknowledged by the Duke of Connaught.

The Principals of Private Chapters were empowered to appoint certain officers instead of their being elected as hitherto.

Grand Chapter expressed its deep regret at the deaths of M.E. Comp. the Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Halsey and E. Comp. J. S. Granville Grenfell, Grand Director of Ceremonies. Among the others who had died during the Quarter was the distinguished soldier and Mason, E. Comp. General Sir Charles Warren.

Fourteen new Chapters received the approval of Grand Chapter.

Then follow a long list of appointments to office for the ensuing year, and a balance sheet showing a total of £20,256.

Convocation was held 3rd August, 1927, with representatives of the Army, the Navy, the Church, the Professions and the captains of industry and private gentlemen present in large numbers.

Seven new Chapters, all attached to separate Lodges, were given approval.

The original Charter of Eureka Chapter (in Madras, India), having become illegible, the Committee recommended that the Charter of Confirmation be granted:—

"Bangalore Gajaraj Rajagopal Mudaliar, Z.; Ciriyaam Nanjundiah Surya Prakas, H.; Bangalore Annaswamy Madhavaraya Mudaliar, J.; and other members of the Eureka Chapter, petitioned for this."

Lord Ampthill gave a most interesting account of his visit to the Argentine. He was commissioned by the G.M. to install at Buenos Aires, a new District Grand Master and a new Superintendent.

174 Companions were present at one of these gatherings and the conclusion of their message to the First Principal was:—

"I also beg you will kindly present to him expressions of our most respectful homage and unchanging loyalty."

He found that his two addresses to Grand Chapter had been reprinted for the benefit of the Argentine Companions. The Argentine Grand Orient whom he visited, sent messages of fraternal amity, of which he says:—

"I shall not quote their actual words, as they spoke in the Spanish language, but you will, I am sure, be satisfied if I tell you that those messages were as cordial and manifestly sincere as they could possibly be."

The unity of the Royal Craft and of kinship is thus pleasantly spoken of in his conclusion:—

"Not long after my departure from Buenos Aires, there was a great Masonic gathering, at which one of our Lodges presented a copy of the Volume of the Sacred Law to one of the Lodges under the Grand Orient, in which the use of the Sacred Volume had been discontinued. This was a great and good example which has had its effect on other Lodges under the Grand Orient, and, on the particular occasion to which I am referring, the new District Grand Master gave proof of his great ability and sincerity by delivering an eloquent speech in Spanish, in which he gave a splendid exposition of the attitude of English Freemasons towards the First Great Landmark of Freemasonry.

"Companions, there is an old saying to the effect that in order to fully appreciate the merits of our own country and the blessings that God has bestowed upon her, it is necessary to go abroad. The same thing applies to Masonry, for I do not think that anybody can properly appreciate the dignity and high importance of Masonry, until he has seen how large a part it plays in the lives of our Brethren who live in distant lands across the seas."

FLORIDA.

E. L. Shear, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Eighty-first Convocation assembled in Jacksonville, May 17th, 1927.

No less than fifteen Past Grand High Priests exemplified fidelity and activity to the Companions of Grand Chapter.

Canada was as usual, represented by Chester DeRocher. We wish our Grand Representatives in other Jurisdictions were as regular.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we realize that it has been a strenuous year:—

“Unusual demands have devolved upon the Grand Chapter during this year. The heavy financial deflation throughout our domain necessitated the exercise of the most judicious care in financial affairs.

“The terrible cyclone which wrought destruction and death in the southern part of our state was a call to us to alleviate suffering to which we responded doing our best.”

He circularized the Chapters with regard to the Educational Fund from which Florida advances amounts not exceeding \$250 in any one year in deserving cases. It is being largely taken advantage of and is one of the greatest works that can be done by a fraternal organization.

He would not permit the ballot upon petitions for degrees at any other than regular Convocations.

The Chapter co-operated with Grand Lodge in connection with the hurricane disaster relief and Grand Chapter sent \$2,000 besides a great many subscriptions from constituent Chapters. They also sent \$500 to Mississippi Valley and he adds justifiably:—

“Modern Masonry true to its ancient principles, has lost none of its benevolent spirit, but is ever ready to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted as was exemplified in these recent disasters.”

The Masonic Jurisprudence Committee report:—

“Hereafter, if any Royal Arch Companion hailing from the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania shall seek to affiliate in this Grand Jurisdiction and has not received the Past Master's degree, it shall be necessary that such applicant be healed, which may be done without charge, by the subordinate Chapter, if deemed proper so to do.”

James H. Cowan, of Galt, represents Florida in Canada.

Membership, 9,038. Net gain, 558, a splendid record when compared with the losses in other Grand Jurisdictions.

M. Ex. Wilber P. Webster is the efficient Grand Secretary.

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the hands of the veteran Ely P. Hubbell, who brings to his Reviews the practised touch.

This Review he says, has been prepared primarily for the Companions of Florida.

Under Alabama he says wisely:—

“The small membership ought to be an inspiration for special activities. In two cases consolidation of Chapters are reported, probably the weaker uniting with the stronger, and thus making a real progressive Chapter able to produce results.”

He was much interested in Alberta and we clip the following from his Review:—

“So regularly do matters Capitular move along there that the address of the Grand Z. partakes more of the nature of a pastoral letter, replete with encouragement and admonition.

“What member cares to sit through the ceremonies when the degree work drags, when the officers are placed in the attitude of school children striving to master some little play; when they blunder through their parts.

“‘One unique occurrence during the Refreshment Hour after Chapter, was the bidding farewell and wishing “bon voyage” to Comp. Wild, Third Principal, who was leaving for Aklivik, the Post farthest north on the Arctic Ocean, to take charge of a detachment of Royal Northwest Mounted Police, and who would not return for several years.”

We are indebted to him for his full and friendly Review of Canada. We make the following extracts:—

“In granting dispensations to confer degrees upon candidates with physical disabilities, he takes this practical view, surely applicable in Capitular Masonry: ‘I consider mental and moral qualifications much more important than physical qualifications.’ He refused to allow regalia to be worn in attendance at divine service, but did permit it at an ‘At Home,’ when attended by Masons and their families only. Florida has so much sunshine that our Chapter Masons are very willing to confine the wearing of regalia to the absolutely necessary Royal Craft functions held behind its tyled doors.

"When our District Deputy Grand High Priests, or by whatever title designated, become imbued with the Capitular enthusiasm of our Canadian Companions, they will make willing sacrifices and visit every Chapter allotted them, even more than once and their reports will be as instructive and inspiring as are those each year in the Grand Chapter of Canada, which occupy nearly a hundred pages of the Canada Proceedings.

"Perhaps if the Florida practice of presenting in pamphlet form the Correspondence Reports at the Annuals, so that each one in attendance might have one to read and take back home with him, thus giving it greater publicity and so enhancing its real value, Grand Chapter members might have deemed it expedient to have taken here a little and there a little from the several appropriations, and not have placed the entire burden on one of its most, if not the most, educational factor.

He commends Comp. Gardiner's Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry as to "more members, better members," as to winning spurs and as to Royal Arch Masonry being too cheap and adds—"these pertinent suggestions are applicable to the Craft everywhere." He encourages this Reviewer with the following kindly words:—

"It is a valuable compendium of Capitular jurisprudence and eloquence, with copious reproductions and appropriate comment. He knows what he wants to say and then says it, and the members of The Guild and we opine Canadian Companions as well, will regret if this privilege be curtailed.

"Under Florida he designates the practice of erecting monuments to the memory of Grand High Priests 'a unique and worthy tribute of regard.' His numerous quotations from the proceedings are appreciated as well as the approval intimated or expressed.

"Referring to the quotation, 'Praise from Sir Richard, etc.,' ye scribe is not able to give the author.

"There is so much in the Canada volume to interest and instruct that ye writer scarcely knows when or where to stop."

He reviewed England and Wales, pointing out especially the satisfactory conditions existing in South Africa.

Under Michigan we read:—

"No particular attention is given in Florida to the presence of Grand Officers of other York Rite Bodies, for in so doing it might be necessary for the presiding officer in introducing such distinguished visitors to include himself as a Present or Past Grand in one or all of the other Concordant Orders."

Minnesota always gives something interesting:—

"This novel query and approved decision is in line with a general growing tendency to appropriate public funds to private purposes:—

"Can a Chapter by a majority vote donate funds of the Chapter to a school girl who has won a prize which includes free transportation and expenses to a certain exposition? This money was intended as a gift in recognition of her accomplishment."

"No. A very dangerous precedent would be established with no ending. Where would you draw the line?"

"Because it would be in the nature of advertising, he refused the representative of a railroad permission to address Grand Chapter on economic conditions."

As to dependent membership he says under Nova Scotia:—

"This having been made a matter of investigation, replies being received from every Grand Chapter, a Constitutional Amendment was passed that after one year a dimitted Master Mason is automatically suspended in the Chapter."

Saskatchewan gives him this opportunity for comment and climatic contrast:—

"It is quite evident that many Brethren have surrendered good coin of the realm for something they did not or could not assimilate. Is it wholly their fault? How about the vastly greater number who remain, all of whom are or should be mutually interested? Are we doing what we ought to do, and what is expected of us? This is a personal matter in which each must answer for himself.

"On the back cover page is a concise summary of the advantages of Saskatchewan, closing with this statement: 'Climate, the best in the world.' May be so, may be so; but as one of the popular jingles goes, 'It's all in the way you lay the sticks.' The writer of this was permitted to *reside* half a century where shoveling snow and paying coal bills was a recreation; now he *lives* where it is summer all summer in the summer time and where there is no winter."

Under Scotland he quotes:—

"The presence of a desire for self-government is always within the scope of possibility, and sometimes this becomes audible, but, as seems only quite natural, Scottish Masons who have seen the light of Masonry in Scotland, or who treasure the traditions of a great system and race, usually tenaciously hold to the desire to maintain their old connection. English and Irish Chapters on the same ground may be actuated by like sentiments, and hold to their original allegiance, and we consequently have English, Scottish and Irish Chapters working side by side, and also a local Grand Body."

Under Washington we read:—

"A new Washington regulation provides that all Companions whose Lodge membership is in other towns or cities, in paying dues, must present a Lodge receipt showing not more than two years in arrears or be automatically dropped in Chapter."

GEORGIA.

Hugh W. Taylor, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest is the grandson of a former honored Grand High Priest to whom touching reference was made during the session.

The Proceedings were printed, as are all Masonic publications, at the Masonic Home Print Shop in Macon, and are a credit to the boys and girls thus employed vocationally.

The One Hundred and Fifth Convocation opened at Macon, April 27th, 1927, this being one of the thoughts that breathe from the invocational prayer offered:—

“We regret that there are those Brethren who are prevented from being with us and wherever they be may they have the consciousness of that great channel of sympathy and love that goes out from human heart into human heart that is interested in human life.”

Bert S. Lee, P.G.H.P., Missouri, seems to be ubiquitous and was introduced and welcomed.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were honored and greeted in the Grand East.

Fitting tributes were paid to the memory of Past Grand High Priest Moodie, the record being:—

“When the final summons came from the Grand Architect of the Universe. Companion Moody closed his mortal eyes to the beauties of this life, rich in its hallowed associations of fidelity, of duties well done, and entered into the Great City where the chain of our great Brotherhood is never broken.”

Charles R. McCord, of Macon, has been appointed to represent Canada.

The Grand High Priest says with regard to the Education Fund which flourishes now in so many Jurisdictions:—

“No greater thing has ever been done by this Grand Chapter than the establishment of the Education Fund, whereby worthy boys and girls are assisted in securing an education.

“The Yearly Educational Loan Fund now amounts to \$2,556.”

Of the Masonic Home and some of its activities he says:—

“I have accepted kinship with every child there and have requested them to know me as their cousin Hugh.

"Though the Grand Chapter has no fee simple title at the Home, we have made substantial contributions to it in past years and have an unbounded love for every child in it."

This reviewer can bear personal tribute to the worth of the Masonic Messenger, which he monthly receives. It bears the impress of E. A. McHan and Raymond Daniels, two pillars and ornaments of the Royal Craft.

Of the projected Home for the Old Folks, for which \$22,000 has been appropriated by Grand Chapter, he says:—

"While coming up step by step through the Veils and into the light of the East, it was always my heart's desire to see this home established and maintained as a specific work for this Grand Chapter."

The new Masonic Temple wherein ample provision has been made for Grand Chapter, is the subject of congratulation.

The Secretary of a Chapter having been negligent and dilatory in submitting reports to the Grand Secretary and failing to answer promptly official enquiries made, was suspended from the office of Secretary by the Grand High Priest. Other Jurisdictions needs the same backbone.

Comp. Clark is praised for his masterpiece "Early and Historic Freemasonry in Georgia."

To Grand Secretary McHan the Grand High Priest pays this eulogy:—

"Precise, patient, and punctual in all his correspondence and reports, he has proved himself courteous, careful, and competent in the performance of every duty assigned to him.

"To him belongs the lion's share of the credit for the success of this administration."

And later in the meeting a jewel was presented to him as Honorary Grand High Priest.

Membership, 17,897. Net loss, 511.

The Committee on Jurisprudence report:—

"Your committee, therefore, recommends that no Companion hailing from the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania who has not received the Past Master's degree be permitted to visit any of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction."

This reviewer is proud to be the Grand Representative of Georgia in Canada.

The Correspondence Report is again submitted by him of the happy name, Pleasant T. McCutchen, who reviews forty-eight Jurisdictions, saying in his commencement:—

“As has been the case with my previous reports, I have endeavored to be brief—just to give the salient and outstanding facts and to show forth and bring out of the many Proceedings the messages of progress which I feel that they contain for the interest and uplift of Georgia Companions.”

Alabama gives him much food for thoughtful comment. He says:—

“In the wave of lawlessness floating over the country, it is a noteworthy fact that the bulk of these law violators are really foreign-born, or of foreign extraction, who have little or no sympathy with the ideals of this country. Lawbreaking is but the next step in the descent from the lack of law observance, and the lack of law observance is but natural result of the lack of sympathy with constituted government.

“In a democracy such as ours, the will of the people is the final arbiter in law observance. Only in an educated community can we feel that our institutions are safe from the insidious assaults of the propagandist, and the open assaults of the law violator.”

But Alberta has the greatest compliment paid of any of the Jurisdictions in that the address by Grand Z. Middleton is reproduced nearly in full, covering several pages and terminating thus:—

“It is one of the mighty forces to-day working towards the up-building of the race of men; it is like the Temple of Truth standing four square to every wind that blows, its every act and principle in harmony with the highest planes of human thought and aspirations of life.”

Canada receives friendly notice. He says of our visitors:—

“Grand Chapters of Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Quebec, affording a feast of reason and an inspiration of soul to every Companion who loves the tenets of Capitular Masonry and delights in teaching and living its sublime principles.

“The Grand Z. delivered an address brimful of constructive work along all the lines of Capitular progress.”

He quotes our Grand Z.'s ruling as to an Officer refusing to attend Convocations or to resign and says approvingly:—

“In the main his rulings were purely local in effect. But this ruling should be widespread in application and observance; it would put pep in many Georgia Chapters, and we could name a big bunch

of other Grand Jurisdictions where it could be enforced to beneficial effect."

Of our own Review he speaks kindly:—

"The Correspondence Report is from the facile pen of the Grand Representative of Georgia. His review work is entertaining throughout. He gives Georgia distinguished consideration, copying copiously from Grand High Priest Johnson, Grand Secretary McHan, and the comments of Grand Correspondent McCutchen. Choice monitorial sentiments embellish the last paragraph of his eloquent conclusion."

Pennsylvania gives him opportunity for this impression:—

"Our country is a mighty aggregation of individuals, and all the faults and all the shortcomings, as well as all the virtues, are accentuated and multiplied in the national life."

Under Utah he notes that none but duly installed High Priests, Kings and Scribes are authorized to confer degrees.

He reprints the outpouring of the great heart of the Grand High Priest of West Virginia summed up in "Oh that I knew where I might find Him!"

IDAHO, 1926.

Mattes Mattson, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Eighteenth Convocation convened at Wallace, 19th May, 1926. The Past Grand High Priest of Oregon was welcomed, also the Knights Templar, and the Mayor of Wallace.

Seven Past Grand High Priests supported the present Ruler of the Craft, from whose address we take this auspicious opening:—

"We have met this beautiful May morning to deliberate on the year's labor and devise further plans for the workmen. Let us be deliberate and do nothing hastily whereby the future of Capitular Masonry might suffer. In all our doings, let us seek wisdom from the Supreme Architect that doeth all things well."

Among his decisions we find:—

"Should a Companion visit a Chapter before application for affiliation is ballotted upon?

"That he should, in order that the Chapter may determine his Masonic standing by due trial, which would otherwise have to be done later.

"In the Royal Arch Degree no section or lecture shall be given to more than one trio at the same time.

"Shall a request for a dimit be made in writing?

"Yes. A dimit shall not be granted, except upon written application."

Canada's Grand Representative, like so many others, we regret to say, was not present.

Membership, 2,775. Net gain, 77.

The Grand Lecturer concluded his report with the following:—

"What for class, or what for clan?

It is the man, it is the man.

It is of love and joy and woe

For who is high and who is low.

What care we for robe or stole?

It is the soul, it is the soul.

What for the crown or what for the crest?

It is the soul within the breast.

It is the Faith, it is the Hope,

It is the struggle up the slope;

It is the brain and the eye to see

One God and one Humanity."

Idaho is represented in Canada by W. H. G. Garrioch, of Ottawa. Our representative is Frank E. Hyson, of Pocatello.

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the able hands of Comp. George E. Knepper, who makes a full but concentrated report.

He reviews Canada at Windsor in 1925 and says of the Grand Z.'s address that while it was not long, it covered the ground completely and that the Jurisdiction has made commendable progress.

He speaks of the illuminating paragraphs of Grand Scribe E.'s Report.

He makes extracts from the careful and comprehensive report on the Order of De Molay, and of our own Review he says:—

"William Ponton is the author of a review covering 266 pages. Beat that if you can! We find an illuminating 'Foreword' as well as an extended 'Conclusion.' Here is a writer of no mean ability and we should like to tarry with him outside of Idaho, but we have not unlimited space at our command.

"We leave Idaho's breezes refreshed by our visit. Come again."

New Jersey gives him this incident to record:—

"There was a District Grand Chapter of Instruction, where quite a number of officers of various Chapters comprising that District were absent. They were attending a reception and dance given by one of the numerous collateral branches of Freemasonry. It may have been the Shrine. The Grand High Priest reads the Riot Act to these delinquent Companions in no uncertain terms. It remains, and will remain, that a ritualistic meeting cannot buck against a Shrine dance."

Under Virginia of course everyone has a personal reference to Joseph W. Eggleston. When he is at the helm we want to see the whole thing. He quotes thus:—

"Later on he talks about Virginia's 'matchless mountains.' Too bad that he has never been in Idaho. If he could look out of our window, he could then talk about scenery. But there is only one Potlatch Canyon."

IDAHO, 1927.

Howard R. McBride, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Nineteenth Convocation convened at Twin Falls, 18th May, 1927.

The Grand High Priest was supported by seven Past Grand High Priests in the Grand East.

The Grand High Priest gave a very brief but comprehensive address.

A Brother having applied for membership, took dimit from his Lodge, after he signed petition he was still a member of the Nebraska Lodge, but when petition was **presented** to Chapter the dimit had taken effect. The Grand High Priest confirmed the action of the High Priest in not receiving petition.

The Knights Templar Grand Encampment on the occasion of Christmas observance, requested the Grand High Priest to respond to the sentiment of Christmas observance, to which he replied worthily:—

"To the Providence under which America is to-day the most prosperous nation in the world, we are grateful. How better can we show this gratitude than by making it our province to seek out a home, which has not been blessed by prosperity and give it at least one day of feasting and plenty?"

"I greet you as members of an Order which stands as a living link between the dead past and the ever-present; and which teaches the greatness of the simple and true things of life, in short, a

genuine and living brotherhood of men, one life, one God, one destiny."

From the concluding portion of the address we take these extracts:—

"I do not want to appear pessimistic, but I feel that we are falling down in our duty toward the fraternity. We pay our dues and feel that our duty to the fraternity has been discharged for another year. If we are to have a better fraternity—if we are to hold only the present standing—we must have individual loyalty exemplified by attendance and interest.

"I think we are drifting toward a world that will not be fit to live in. In the last decade the world has been torn to pieces by a great disaster, politically and morally. We cannot continue in it as it is. It will have to be rebuilt and built better than it was before the war. And in my judgment it will have to be on the basis of a higher type of personal character.

"In a less dramatic way, the same principle applies here. We have resources enough, man power enough, organization and administrative power enough, to cover this country with peace and prosperity as the waters cover the sea, but we are not good enough and if we are to build our own life here we must have a higher type of personal character than anything we have seen."

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond to roll call.

Total membership, 2,719. Net loss, 56.

Idaho is represented by W. H. G. Garrioch, of Ottawa.

The Fraternal Correspondence is written by Comp. George E. Knepper and is a model of concentration.

Canada's Proceedings had not reached him when he wrote the Review.

He is much struck with Alberta, saying:—

"Companion George B. McLeod, the Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, was presented and given a royal welcome and the honor due his station.

"In his address, among other things, he said:

"I would remind you that Sovereign Great Priory has one great function in this country. It is the only body of Masonry that comes together in a democratic manner year by year from Canada as a whole, drawing our elected representatives from the Yukon to Halifax, and this is important as it means this, it provides a centre for the exchange of Masonic thought, and interest that is nation wide."

"We looked for a fine address from the Grand First Principal and were not disappointed. He did not spend his time pleading ignorance and inability to perform the great and arduous duties devolving upon him, but he simply revelled in the records of Masonic influence and symbolism."

Under British Columbia's Review he says and quotes:—

“The development of correspondence between Grand bodies is encouraged as a factor of safety, to ensure the permanence of sincere friendship and fraternal regard towards each other. It has been well said that “Friendship is the greatest chain of human society and the intercourse of letters is one of the chiefest links of that chain.””

Nebraska gives him the following thoughts:—

“He says, ‘A roll call of Grand Representatives does not show Nebraska represented. We wonder why?’

“Well, if you lived in Idaho, which is a State of magnificent distances, you would wonder why so many DO attend.”

From South Carolina we garner the following:—

“A few have done little or nothing. ‘It is only where the officers have not prepared themselves that the Chapters are sluggish and fast becoming dormant.’”

INDIANA.

Carl Ferdinand Bosworth, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Grand Chapter assembled in Eighty-first Convocation in Masonic Temple, Elkhart, 20th October, 1926.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests reported for duty and honour.

Canada was represented by William H. Baugh, of Terre Haute.

The Proceedings are copiously illustrated with fine looking men and by a picture of the Temple where Grand Chapter met and where they evidently were well received as this Proemial says:—

“What with auto-rides, shopping tours, theatre parties, special dinners, music, and the delightful and artistic concert, the visiting Companions and their ladies will remember with delight their brief sojourn in the beautiful city of Elkhart, on the banks of the St. Joseph River.”

From the biography of the new Grand High Priest Amsden we learn that adding together the concurrent years of service in different Masonic Orders:—

“He has served the Fraternity in one capacity or another a total of sixty years, or forty-one years as a ritualistic officer and nineteen years as Secretary. Which is a pretty good record for a poor down-trodden farmer.”

Officers of the General Grand Chapter and of Michigan were welcomed and delighted the Companions with happy remarks, and it is hoped their visit is but a forerunner of many more delightful "happen-ins" on the Hoosier Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest confines his address to matters strictly of business. His decisions are local in their character. He reports that all Chapters are now working under stipulated calendar dates and have abolished the moon schedule. He can be firm when he likes, as is shown by his remarks about a candidate who undesignedly misrepresented in his application, and he is outspoken as to the conduct of certain officers of the Chapters concerned:—

"Evansville Chapter was using a form of petition in violation of the requirements of the regulations; but as this Chapter acknowledged its error in this respect and immediately substituted blank petitions following the form laid down, upon being notified of its shortcoming, no disposition is here manifested to molest her further. But as to Brazil Chapter, it would seem that some of its members are not fully imbued with the true spirit of Capitular Masonry, or a respect for the laws of the Order, else they would not insist upon a Brother making false representations as to his residence under assurances that such was a mere matter of form and did not affect him in the least.

"Incidentally, we should remember that Chapters oftener than petitioners are guilty of the illegalities that appear on the face of petitions, and that their faults should not be shifted to the shoulders of the petitioner, except for cause fully proved."

Membership, 33,618; gain, 57.

The Grand Lecturer said:—

"Very few Chapters are now dependent on one Companion to take the P. S. part, but have a number of Companions who are able to do the work; neither is the High Priest compelled to give all the degrees, as in former years; the King and Scribe are not simply figures in their respective stations, but are real supports to their Chief and are ably assisting in giving the preparatory degrees.

"There is wonderful opportunity before you to be of real help to your Brother in bringing him to the light revealed in the culmination of the degree of the Royal Arch.' May the more than 90,000 Master Masons be given an opportunity to share with you the complement of the Master's Degree. When you return to your Chapter, put in operation a system that will impress every Mason within your jurisdiction with a desire to be associated with you in the noble work."

Three clandestine Chapters were reported within the Jurisdiction.

The Memorial on the Fraternal Dead takes the form of a resolution with this from the preamble:—

“Whereas, they were our Brothers, enjoying the endearing title of Companions, the daily association and contact with ourselves, assisting us and mutually depending upon each other, and

“Whereas, their allotted time has been closed by the Master Overseer and we desire to pay that honour and respect to one and all that is due a departed Companion:

“’Tis the wink of an eye,
 ’Tis the draught of a breath;
 From the blossom of health
 To the paleness of death,
 From the gilded salon
 To the bier and the shroud;
 Oh! Why should the spirit of mortal be proud?”

Then followed at the annual Convocation Dinner a vivid and buoyant address from Grand Chaplin Daugherty on “Hold That Line,” and we cannot resist giving some extracts from a subject which speaks of eternal youth and revives the old College game between Yale and Harvard:—

“Fellow Companions in the Extended-Eastern Way: ‘Hold that Line’ is the imperative to which I make bold to summon you at this moment.

“But e’er the first half was past, the over-confident team and acclaiming rooters for Eli’s eleven, were on the defensive—and the resonant, staccato growl of the cheering blue cohorts became one thunderous insistence, ‘HOLD THAT LINE!’ It was the first time I ever heard the exhortation from the throats of a unified harmonious half of a crazy multitude—and the reverberations of it will never fade from my nerve lines

“The analogy might have reduplication, in explanation of the fall of champions less ancient than those of a quarter century ago on the gridiron—but athletics merely afford the touchstone and background, for my presentation of the imperative ‘*Hold That Line.*’

“Masonry, like the church of the living God, has witnessed down the stream of the years, the rise and fall of empires, the mutations which o’er-take and entangle most creations merely human, . . . but Masonry, like the church, serenely persists, despite all assailant charges from without, or lamentable betrayals from within, its ranks. From the time of the Boston Tea Party, which was largely a Masonic hazing expedition, to the last sectional embarkation of the A. E. F. for France, there have been in American political and social contacts, two sobering, steadying, consecrating influences, the one through public opinion inspired by the

church, the other through the gripping character integrity which is the Masonic vertebrae of an incurably Protestant republic.

"What are the elements qualifying its units toward the holding of any organizational line?

"I affirm the initial element to be a superior companionship.

"I affirm the second element for the holding of our Royal Arch ranks, is the element of superior character personnel. Which puts the matter fairly and squarely in our individual hands.

"There is an inherent and incurably human passion for place in the ranks of superiority; using the term is no merely artificially aristocratic sense.

"Another reference to college days cannot be amiss. I heard a speaker tell of the question of a Harvard foot ball captain to Coach Murphy, 'How do you get so much out of Yale foot ball material?' And the famous coach made reply, 'I appeal to their personal, their family and their college sense of honor; if a man hasn't that we have no use for him at Yale;' and I am bold to say that no man with a fractured or tarnished sense of honor is worthy of place in any rank of Masonry—and for such the Royal Arch could have no use.

"A third element in holding our line, I affirm is in an individual interpretation of God.

"For creeds and rituals, forms and ceremonies merely ecclesiastic, I care but little. For manifestations of the spirit divine, in human contacts, I care everything."

"And Light and Strength and Faith
Are opening everywhere,
God waited for me till
I prayed the larger prayer."

He closes with these words of Foss:—

"Too long our music-hungering needs
Have heard the iron clash of creeds,
The creedless love that knows no clan,
No caste, no cult, no church, but Man,

Shall drown with mellow music all,
The dying jangle of their brawl;
Such love with all its quickening powers,
Such love to God and Man—be ours!"

Although it was strongly urged that a special allowance be made to the Grand High Priest, yet as Grand Chapter appeared to be just barely emerging from a condition of financial embarrassment, the proposal was not adopted. In our Jurisdictions in Canada we never grudge a proper honorarium to those who give their time and experience to Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Inspection encourage and admonish:—

"Chapters should learn that merely being a good fellow does not fit a Companion for high office. Every office in a Chapter is a preferred one and deserves the best effort of those elected or appointed. The candidate meets the minor officers first, and gains an early impression of what is to follow. If there is dignity and personality shown the candidate on his first appearance and the same degree of elevated action is carried through to the end, the candidate will not only have a high regard for the experience he has had, but those Companions who attend the meetings will be edified. Under such circumstances there will be no cry of small attendance, but the Companions will come to see and hear, and find a new love for Royal Arch Masonry."

John Stephenson of Stratford, represents Indiana.

Grand Secretary Robert Archer Woods gives the annual Capitular Review and it is most satisfying both in substance and in form.

From his introduction we glean:—

"By your indulgence, this is my sixteenth review of the capitular army of the world. I have tried to picture the display so as to interest and enthuse those of you who are predestined to stand on the side-lines or hold down a gallery seat. If this gleaming shall secure for you a better understanding of the problems and undertakings of the Royal Craft, or sweeten your shelf acquaintance with some of the noblest men on earth charged with the betterment of this glorious Institution of ours, I shall be content.

"The Masonic world is at peace. Educational and charitable service now engages our attention most largely, and is pulling vigorously at the purse-strings everywhere. This is said to be the golden opportunity to lift the Craft to higher and more useful planes. The call is to you and to me. Shall we go up, will you, will you go up?"

Under Alabama we catch his point of view very clearly expressed throughout his able and original review:—

"Recognizing that special dispensation to ballot out of time and confer degrees is 'overdone, but that there are circumstances that seem to warrant this course,' he proceeded to dish out eleven such permits. The good of the Craft is never served by violating a law, but rather brought into disrepute. What right has Grand Chapter to expect obedience to statutory provisions if these examples are held up before its subordinates?"

Under Alberta the same:—

"Stick to the law, and the Chapters will soon learn to respect the law. Easy practices bring the law into disrepute."

He strikes out for Masonry of the spirit under Arizona:—

"An applicant with a perfectly stiff right knee was denied admission, under their statutes. Rather hide-bound statutes? Strict compliance with the ceremonies of initiation often does the Craft an injury in depriving it of some otherwise wonderful men."

Of Grand Z. Davis' address under Canada he says:—

"The address is rather brief, nine pages, but all the better for that, inasmuch as it succinctly covers the doings of his administration."

He has nothing but praise for the Grand Superintendents and Comp. Gardiner on the Condition of Capitular Masonry:—

"These tried servants have ably upheld the best traditions of the past, and have achieved a marvellous amount of work in their respective Districts.

"The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry presents a very valuable report, wherein it stirred up the ground thoroughly, made deductions and suggestions."

He expresses his mind very frankly with regard to our Review and we thank him for his fellow-feeling for a fellow-mortal:—

"The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was received, 'except that part referring to the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland, which should be referred to the Executive Committee,' for report next year. Rather a slap at the Reviewer for presuming to say that said Grand Chapter 'has earned autonomous recognition.' He was right; the Queensland body should be recognized, for it was legitimately formed and has progressed by 'good work well done.'

"His Review is a remarkable document of 332 pages, for in it you can get a comprehensive and complete review of all Capitular Masonry, with comment, extracts and ambitions, to your heart's content."

This under Colorado:—

"Both American and Scottish Rites prosper with us, and we do not concern ourselves with making a good man wait."

As emphasizing a particular and important note hear him under District of Columbia:—

"The Committee on Address, headed by my illustrious friend, Roe Fulkerson, sets forth a remarkable dictum, namely, that 'the action of the Grand High Priest in regard to the dispensations reported by him is not subject to review by the Grand Chapter.' Why not, pray? Is the law of that Grand Chapter such that the Grand High Priest can do as he pleases, twist and upset the law as formulated by Grand Chapter itself, ride rough-shod over the statutes made and provided? If so, then it is high time for Grand

Chapter to take a look into its affairs and get down to bed-rock. The fundamental law which governed us in our action was, that one sitting in the chief seat has no more inherent right to set aside the statutes than has the youngest neophyte in the north-east corner."

Of the difficulties of England and Australasia he says:—

"But the degrees and systems are so intertwined in Australasia as to defy unraveling within the memory of men now living, and presumably the above is about as close as these Grand Bodies will ever get. Canada, take notice; your opposition now skates on thin ice. And then, too, that was about the same result as reached between General Grand High Priest Kuhn and Lord Cassilis touching the affair in the Philippines; if accepted in one quarter, why not in another?"

On almost the only point on which we do not agree with him is his comment "that a Mason isn't much of a Mason over there unless he is the possessor of a title." That is not quite fair to England, for it is not merely the rank but the worth that counts, and as in the case of a Sovereign it is the coronation of character and of true nobility which appeals to the Freemasons of the Mother Grand Lodge of the world.

He speaks of the end of New Zealand's trouble as deplorable to say the least.

He enters into a friendly verbal duel with Comp. Eggleston, of Virginia, as to the General Grand Chapter, and Comp. Eggleston's reply is equally vigorous:—

"He says it is not illegal in Virginia, 'because no General Grand dictates to us what is illegal.' Some people seem to have an obsession about the General Grand, and ring it in on every occasion, whether applicable or not. We do not know the position of the General Grand on this subject, nor do we care particularly what its position is, except that it is likely to be in the right.

"But Virginia, and Texas, and Pennsylvania, imagine they are bettering things by remaining aloof, outside the pale of common amity, lest they be called upon to surrender something. So be it."

This is his worthy conclusion:—

"The old hectic questions are being gradually submerged. These days it is Education and Service, how and to what extent can we lift our fellows and fit them for humanity. A wonderful work, just in its infancy. Are YOU a co-worker?"

KANSAS.

George W. Trout, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation convened in Wichita, February 21st, 1927.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were at the post of duty in the Grand East.

Roy H. Clossen as usual, faithfully represented Canada.

There were forty-five Grand Representatives present.

The Grand High Priest, who in his biography we learn was originally a Baptist minister and now a distinguished educationalist and holds the position of Dean in a College, made a most comprehensive address in which he shows that he was firm to do his duty as he saw it:—

"I have had only the highest good for the cause of Capitular Masonry in Kansas as the guiding star of my career and if in what I have said and done I have been disappointing to any of you, it has been because my gaze has been so steadfastly fixed upon the high standards which I feel in my heart ought to be exemplified in the life and conduct of every Royal Arch Mason that I have not perhaps considered some of the comforts, conveniences and pleasures which may have seemed your just due.

"I prepared a little four-page folder upon the subject 'Why a Master Mason Should be a Royal Arch Mason.' Many of our Chapters wrote in for from twenty-five to three hundred.

"During the year it has come to my knowledge that several Chapters in our Jurisdiction have assumed the management and sponsorship of dances and frivolous entertainments of a vaudeville nature, and so far as I have been advised the expenses incident thereto have been paid out of the funds of the Chapter.

"Further, I have been reliably informed that some of these entertainments were given in the Lodge room in which these Chapters held their Convocations.

"Such action on the part of any Chapter is a distinct misinterpretation of the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry, which are too sublime and sacred to be confounded with light and frivolous entertainment.

"Therefore, while we are not in practice a part of Symbolic Masonry, yet our relations to the Ancient Craft are such that we are in duty bound as Masons, to represent the Landmarks, Ancient Charges and Regulations of that institution; in fact, they are so closely interwoven that in the absence of any specific regulation of Royal Arch Masonry that of the Symbolic Lodge applies."

He does not approve of Clubs, and he thus concludes:—

"I have planned for myself a life of service in the quarries of our Fraternity. I trust the Craftsmen will receive me back among

them as a Companion who has come up to help, aid and assist in this great and glorious work without the hope of fee or reward."

Lantern slides are used in Kansas in the narrative in the second section of the Royal Arch Degree.

Membership, 21,755. Net gain, 32.

As is customary with Kansas, the Committee on Necrology give a most elaborate and philosophical report. We make these two extracts:—

"We cannot conceive that they are one with yesterday's seven thousand years. If our Masonry has taught us anything, it is the immortality of the soul, the life after the transition of death. The cry of JOB in the first beginnings of human light; 'If a man die, shall he live again?' has been ringing louder and louder down through the ages; and Masonry answers with an emphatic and categorical 'Yes!'

"Not to thine eternal resting place
Hast thou retired alone,—nor couldst thou wish
Couch more magnificent. Thou hast lain down
With patriarchs of the infant world,—with kings,
The powerful of earth,—the wise, the good,
Fair forms and hoary seers of ages past,
All in one mighty sepulchre."

Comp. Gibson, of Hamilton, represents Kansas.

The report on Correspondence has the experienced touch of Albert K. Wilson, whose report as Grand Secretary is always very illuminating. He says in his introduction to the Review:—

"When we consider that practically twenty-five per cent. of the Grand Jurisdictions in this country show a net loss in their membership, we must, of necessity, admit there is a lack of interest in the Royal Craft.

"While this in a measure may have much to do with these conditions, yet there also is a certain responsibility resting on the Companions who are elected to the office of High Priest in their respective Chapters.

"The ceremonies of the Capitular system are just as beautiful to-day as they ever were, and if the same spirit were manifested in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry as in years gone by the present condition would not exist."

Under Canada he quotes in full the rulings of Grand Z. Davis and also his whole conclusion in which he says Kansas readers will be much interested. He comments on the very complete report of Grand Scribe E., and then reproduces a whole page in close print of the report on the Condition of Capitulary Masonry by Comp. Gardiner

"knowing full well that it will be appreciated by his readers."

He cites the report on Fraternal Dead as "brief and touching" and from the Committee on Revision of Ritual he takes with approval the following:—

"In the Mark Master Degree the sections have been reversed so that the candidate will receive his obligation shortly after entering the Lodge, as under the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England.

"By short explanatory passages an effort has been made to link up the various degrees in Craft and Capitular Masonry that the candidate may the more fully appreciate the connection of the whole and be impressed with the moral lessons inculcated in each step of his upward progress.

Our own Review of Correspondence he says contains an interesting preface which he quotes and says that Proceedings are carefully reviewed and all matters of importance are noted.

Texas receives the longest review of any of the Grand Jurisdictions. It always looms large.

He says of the Review that:—

"In this report we are favored with an excellent review of our Proceedings. He compliments the writer by stating that he is too stingy about sharing his thoughts with Texas."

Then follow the statistics of membership kept up to date in which he estimates the grand total of Chapters as 6,871, and the grand total of membership as 1,062,125.

KENTUCKY.

Frank D. Rash, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation was held in Louisville, October 19th, 1926. No less than 22 Past Grand High Priests linked up the years that had gone and the present and the future by their united attendance on Grand Chapter. This is certainly the record attendance of the past Rulers of the Royal Craft in any Jurisdiction.

From the Grand High Priest's address we glean the following:—

"We assemble to-night to review this period, to draw lessons from our mistakes, to rejoice in whatever may have been accomplished, withal to plan carefully and wisely for the future that

Capitular Masonry may advance to greater heights of achievement and honor.

"May each of you find joy in your participation in the deliberations of this Grand Body and may this annual renewal of Capitular friendships and associations bring to every Companion here assembled a full measure of happiness and satisfaction."

"We do not sigh when golden skies have donned
The purple shadows and the gray of night,
Because we know the morning lies beyond
And we must wait a little while for light."

"With eyes to the eternal morning and hope resting upon the ground rock of an everlasting faith, Past Grand High Priest Johnston passed into the unknown world, leaving behind the precious memories of a lifetime to be cherished."

He issued several circular letters to the Chapters which must have done effective good.

We notice that 11 Districts are called "Congressional" Districts. With us that would be in too close touch even nominally with Parliamentarians.

Of Grand Representatives and their contact work he says:—

"I am informed by our own Grand Secretary that during the past year he has received numerous letters from Grand Representatives conveying greetings and news of interest, adding to the significance of Capitular Masonry."

The new Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home received the active support of Grand Chapter, and of it the Grand High Priest says:—

"In those bodies it has been my pleasure to visit during the past year, it has not seemed improper to me to point out that a Companion could not be a good Chapter Mason without making of himself a better Blue Lodge Mason. While reflection makes it perfectly obvious that the Craft in Kentucky are now struggling with the greatest Masonic effort of our generation, I have taken every opportunity to bring to the attention of Chapter Masons the real significance of this effort and the necessity of our lending the fullest support of every Royal Arch Chapter to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in its 'noble and glorious purpose' of pushing to speedy completion the New Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, indeed a worthy monument to Kentucky Masons and one more enduring than the brick, stone and steel that go to make up the various buildings. With none too favorable economic conditions prevailing in many sections of our State, we should not be reluctant or hesitant in volunteering more than moral support to our parent body, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at a time when help will count most."

The Grand Secretary is firm, but, having done his duty, is generous. With regard to a delinquent Chapter he says:—

“This Chapter was unable to pay its dues because of the failure of the bank where its funds were kept. While I recommend the remission of the fine, I suggest that the Finance Committee take into consideration the conditions and make such investigations as may be necessary.”

Membership, 19,283. Net loss, 755. This appears to be the largest loss suffered by any Grand Jurisdiction during this year of suspensions.

The Committee on Necrology use this verse as their text:—

“Gone unto the Land upon whose peaceful shore
There rests no shadow—falls no stain.
Where those who meet shall part no more
And those long parted meet again.”

The Educational Trustees make a buoyant report of good work well done:—

“The work of the Educational Trustees continues to grow. Last year our committee took care of seventy wards; this year, we have seventy-six in our charge.

“This work, Brethren, challenges the best in Masonry, and it has been engaged in long enough (for eleven years has passed since it was organized) for us to judge its results.”

Their resources now amount to \$62,219. Kentucky leads.

John Graham, of London, represents Kentucky and Canada, is represented by A. Gordon Sulser.

P.G.M. William W. Clark is again welcomed as Grand Correspondent. He reports the doings of other Grand Chapters in original and friendly fashion.

We glean the following from his review of Canada, and the fact that he quotes so largely from one of the District Superintendents who are usually “skimmed over,” indicates the care with which he has read our Proceedings. As others may have not seen the report of the Grand Superintendent of Toronto West District we reproduce a part:—

“The expenses for refreshments and talent are, in many cases, excessive. This has a serious influence and reacts unfavorably on the Chapter. The tendency to rush through the

ceremonial work so as to get to the banquet room for the improperly called "Fourth Degree" is to be decried. The very use of this expression demonstrates the pernicious effect it has, by placing the gastric functions on the same level as the intellectual. When the total amount expended on refreshment and talent is placed alongside that donated for benevolence, the true significance is apparent. Several Chapters in this District have no benevolent grants to their credit. I am keenly sensible of the fact that, in matters of finance, the constituent Chapter is a sovereign body. Nevertheless, the manner in which the finances are conducted has extensive secondary effects as to bring it within the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter. Injudicious expenditure necessitates candidates and this causes undue solicitation."

He gives me, his grateful colleague, these words of encouragement:—

"The report on Capitular Correspondence is by Companion Ponton. We intend to make no invidious comparisons or distinctions, but the report of this distinguished Companion are surpassed by no reports that come to our desk. In comprehensiveness, in lucidity of expression, in literary merit, they are very nearly if not quite in a class by themselves. We wish we could approach them.

"His conclusion we quote in its entirety: Read it carefully, ponder it diligently: There is inspiration in it to the Mason."

From Florida we take this independent note:—

"Florida has consistently maintained its position that it was law-abiding and was acting wholly within its rights when it declined to sever fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Grand Chapter of Texas, and I am pleased to be able to report to you that the report of the Jurisprudence Committee which was adopted by the General Grand Chapter by an unanimous vote fully sustained and justified the position taken by this Grand Body.

"The writer of this report heartily concurs in the position taken by the Grand Chapter of Florida."

Kansas buoyantly rallies above discouragement by saying:—

"These figures are not discouraging, but it is difficult to understand why so many of our Brethren in the Lodge fail to take advantage of the opportunity to advance in Masonry and behold the wonders and beauties exemplified in the Most Sublime Royal Arch."

Of M. Ex. Comp. Kuhn he has these few words of praise:—

"What a wonderful thing it is to leave behind us when we go, a heritage to our fellows of a life of service to our heavenly Father and our fellow men as did Companion Kuhn.

Maine's dispensing with the presence of the Charter is thus reported:—

"It appears that in this Jurisdiction the physical presence of the Charter in the Chapter room is not considered necessary to the legality of a meeting, but a certificate by the Grand Secretary is, to use the language of the Committee, 'merely a physical substitute and evidence that the Chapter has, and works under a regular Chapter.'"

Manitoba furnishes him with the following evidence of the out-stretched hand of one who knows in Masonry neither latitude nor longitude:—

"You sing 'GOD SAVE THE KING' and we sing 'AMERICA.'"

"Do you realize how much this means? Space and isolation have been annihilated. We cannot hereafter be strangers. The value of such things cannot be estimated."

"Nothing would give this writer greater pleasure so far as political matters go, than to see the United States and England, including her loyal Provinces, enter into a treaty offensive and defensive. We believe it would go far toward stabilizing world conditions, and do much to ensure future peace."

Then from two Jurisdictions we find the symbolism of the Third Degree presented from a point of view that we have seldom read or heard and we cannot do better than share the fertile thought of our colleague for the benefit of thoughtful Companions. Under Massachusetts he says:—

"It is symbolical, highly so; but instead of being the symbol of the triumph of the forces of evil, let it be assumed that it was a mighty triumph of righteousness; that the death of Hiram was a symbol of a willing substitutionary sacrifice. Hiram drew no designs that day on the Trestle Board, as was his custom. Why? The answer is obvious. In his death which was about to take place, the spiritual temple was completed. His death provided the cape stone. Remember, too, the agreement of the three that the word should not be communicated until after the completion of the Temple and in the presence of the three. What Temple? The Spiritual Temple, of course. The whole symbolism of the Drama points unquestionably to this solution. The Drama is a symbolical representation of the Plan of Salvation. If it be not that, we can find no interpretation of it, or of what the originators of the degree intended thereby to teach. Read the Epistle to the Hebrews, and we think much light will be shed on it."

And under that other Jurisdiction of active progress, North Dakota, he adds:—

"We wonder why in the discussion of the Craft degrees by able and learned Masons, the spiritual is not emphasized. The three

first degrees teach by symbols. The Craft degrees are essentially symbolic. The third degree, especially the last section is a system of the most wonderful and illuminating symbols in the Order, or rather, series of Orders, that make up the Masonry of to-day, and in their teaching they are essentially spiritual. The Drama of the Temple consists of a group of symbols of the deepest spiritual significance. Here we can make reference, and only in an indefinite manner of one; but it is the Crux. The tragedy, what does it teach, what is it intended to teach? Would the reader know? It would be much to him in his life if he did know. It, as we believe, and we think can show, is a symbol of the Atonement, man's hope for service and duty in this life and of salvation in the life to come. If so, how is it lifted above the material? how magnified by the spirituality of its significance? Having read this, read, dear Companion, the Epistle to the Hebrews."

He confesses that he likes the old custom of the full moon dates but adds that in these days of automobiles and good roads the light of the moon is not now important.

An incident in New York reveals Kentucky's law, which is the same as in Canada:—

"A Companion is entitled to vote and to hold office so long as he is a member in good standing in his Chapter, whether he has paid his dues or not. Unless expelled or suspended, he is in good standing."

Oregon's making the Order of High Priesthood an essential to exercising any duties of his office, produces this warning comment:—

"It looks to us like making the right of an officer of the Chapter, and its highest officer to depend on the action of an Order outside the Chapter—making the Chapter, in a sense, subordinate to it."

LOUISIANA.

Henry W. Palfrey, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Eightieth Grand Convocation convened in the new Masonic Temple, New Orleans, 8th February, 1927, with eleven Past Grand High Priests maintaining the dignity and traditions of the Grand East.

Canada's Grand Representative, John W. Armstrong, was present.

The address of the M.E. Grand High Priest contains much of interest:—

"Since last we met we have seen fulfilled the dreams of the Craft for a generation or so, in the erection and completion of a Temple that would worthily represent, before the eyes of the pro-

fane the high principles of Masonry, and standing as it does in a commanding position, attract and hold the attention of the passerby.

"I deem it a very high privilege and one never to be forgotten that to me has fallen the honor of presiding over the first meeting of the Grand Chapter in this its new and sumptuous quarters.

"The failure to chronicle an increase is due more to economic conditions than other causes.

"I have had occasion twice to discipline Chapters because of the prevalence of "horseplay" in the conferring of degrees. It has been found that the truth sought to be exemplified symbolically has more force and attracted more to the meetings than a mere attendance on a humorous and light rendering of the degrees.

"I discovered that I could be of more service to the order by visiting the weak and almost defunct Chapters: and thanks to the hearty co-operation of those of my District Deputies who were called upon to assist me, we can report that we have succeeded beyond our expectations.."

Membership, 9,313. Net loss, 37, as to which the Grand Secretary, John A. Davilla, says:—

"This to my mind, could have been obviated to a considerable extent by greater diligence and activity on the part of the secretaries in the matter of billing for the amounts due, before awaiting the time when the Companions are due for penalization. This is clearly exemplified by the fact that the smallest losses are in the largest Chapters that are served by secretaries of experience. It may seem to be paradoxical, but it is a fact that the greatest losses are in the smallest and least active Chapters."

Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, F. & A.M., fulfills a useful function both for Chapter and for Craft. Of their work the W.M. says:—

"As a matter of fact, the work of the Lodge never changes in character although its volume might vary. That of the year through which we have just passed has exceeded in amount that of the three or four years preceding, but for no apparent reason than an increased condition of lack of employment.

"We have paid about the customary number of visits to the sick at their homes and in hospitals and attended the funerals of eight sojourning Masons and have assisted every deserving case presented.

The work is exacting in its nature and requires considerable discretion and good judgment."

\$20,000 was applied by Grand Chapter towards payment for the new Masonic Temple.

The Committee on Necrology quote a verse new to us:—

“God’s plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart—
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.
And if, through patient toil, we reach the land,
Where tired feet, with sandals loosed may rest,
When we shall clearly know and understand,
I think that we shall say ‘God knew the best.’”

R. Ex. Comp. William Y. Mills, of Kingston, represents Louisiana.

Many pages are devoted “in memory of those Companions who passed the White Veil during the year 1926.”

The Foreign Correspondence is again in the friendly and experienced hands of Grand Secretary, John A. Davilla, who in his introduction comments upon that which appears to concern all Grand Jurisdictions now as follows:—

“It is noticeable that the number of accessions, as a general proposition, have been offset to a material amount by the number of suspensions from non-payment of dues, so that the numerical gains have been practically at a standstill and it would appear that in the first instance, the Companions who have been the recipients of these beautiful degrees have not been as active as usual in presenting the subject to their less fortunate Brethren, and in the second instance, there has no doubt been laxity on the part of some secretaries.”

Under the British Columbia Review we read:—

“Friendship is the greatest chain of human society and the intercourse of letters is one of the chiefest links of that chain.”

In his friendly comments on Canada he refers to Klondyke Chapter in the Yukon with 13 new members for the year and adds:—

“Grand Scribe E. reports that all of the Chapters had made returns and paid dues. This is a splendid record with a total of 153 Chapters, and is largely due to the energy of the Grand Secretary.”

He quotes largely from Comp. Gardiner’s Report of Capitular Masonry, and of our own Review kindly says:—

“Foreign Correspondence, as usual, is by Companion Ponton and just as is usual it is his customary well written and well balanced work, replete with well chosen and appropriate quotations from the different proceedings. We appreciate his splendid notice of Louisiana.”

A social function of Colorado is thus described:—

"The tables were arranged in the form of a triple tau; profusely decorated with beautiful flowers, and delightful music, both instrumental and vocal, was rendered throughout this part of the programme."

He pays our friend McHan, of Georgia, this merited tribute:—

"The report of Grand Secretary-Lecturer McHan is a record of Trojan service to the Craft. His duties are necessarily multifarious, but there is in this country no man better qualified than he."

He analyzes Kentucky carefully and finds that their Educational Fund totals the splendid sum of \$183,418, and what is almost more striking is that there are now 204 girls, 234 boys and 36 widows in the Louisville Masonic Home, while the Old Masons' Home has 68 old Masons comfortably cared for.

From Texas he and we garner this final personal touch:—

"However, we will excuse him, as he devotes another paragraph to this Scribe and suggests that there may be a doubt as to the proper pronunciation of his name. We'll tell the world that only sixty-five and not eighty-five per cent. of the population are antagonistic to Freemasonry and that, unlike the people of Texas, we are not accustomed to using Spanish pronunciation."

MAINE.

George H. Bangs, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Second Convocation was held at Portland, May 3rd, 1927.

No less than fourteen out of the fifteen living Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. This is certainly a record of fidelity of service.

M. Ex. Comp. Pollard, of Massachusetts; M. Ex. Comp. Sanderson, of New Hampshire; Deputy Grand High Priest Foster, of New York, and Grand Scribe Hull, of Connecticut, were conducted to seats in the East and given the private Grand Honors.

Canada was represented by Comp. James A. Richan.

The Grand High Priest thus auspiciously began his address:—

"May our attendance here be rewarded by the benefits, which only those who serve under our banner, fully understand; and so enjoyable and profitable, as to cause you to increase your efforts through a zealous and whole hearted devotion, exciting that enthusiasm and loyalty, that will continually maintain our organization on its high plane of Masonic endeavor.

"I have tried to make this subject my hobby, as well as a special study, and as Gibbon says about education, 'Every person has two educations, one which he receives from others and one more important, which he gives himself,' and in my analysis of the causes for this advancement my contact with the Companions makes it apparent that we receive far greater benefits, absorbing loftier ideals combined with a desire to do more ourselves, and for ourselves than is possible by any other mode of action."

"That condition of faithful, intelligent service, the measure of man's worth to himself, to Masonry, to his nation and his God.

"Endeavor to make your part both interesting and instructive."

To stimulate attendance in the Chapters he conceived a novel idea of a firmamental game or contest thus described:—

"A perfect score was 29-0, the number of 'planets' depending upon the increase in average attendance, a decrease being a 'hades.' Increases in number present at visitation 'stars' and decreases a 'gloom.' Under the scheme of scoring the small Chapters stood an equal advantage with its larger neighbor, and by only perfect conditions would it be possible to make the total score of 29-0."

Membership, 17,944. Net gain, 213.

He recommended that the old time moon schedule be abolished as unfit and unsuited to present-day conditions.

All amendments to the Constitution and the standing regulations are printed in full.

Edward B. Brown, my friend and predecessor, is still entered in Maine's lists as Chairman of this Committee of Correspondence.

Marshal E. Sherwood, of Woodstock, represents Maine.

The Report on Correspondence is by M. Ex. Comp. T. H. Bodge, who under Alabama approves the following:—

"Remember that the correct rendering of Ritual is well and good and should in no wise be neglected, but the time has passed when Masonry will be satisfied with this. We as Masons must give a concrete reason for our existence as Masons; and what better opportunity could there be than to do our individual parts in the upbuilding of our Masonic Home."

Speaking of deviations from the established Ritual as reported in Alberta, Comp. Bodge thus comments:—

“How strange it sometimes seems that into almost every Chapter will creep some form or custom in the work until, unless observed and checked by a well informed Companion, it is supposed by even the officers to be proper.”

He summarized our Canadian Proceedings fully and makes the following comments:—

“All his dispensations were satisfactory to the Committee though several would hardly find favor in Maine. Three times he permitted Chapters to ‘confer degrees away from home on Brethren of their Jurisdiction.’ He felt physical disability should be no bar to the admission of a petitioner.

“That officers of a Chapter should not alter the operation of a by-law unless by resolution to suspend or by rescinding the by-law.”

“I do not quite understand how they can alter the operation by resolution to suspend.

“The reports by the District Grand Superintendents are very full and remarkably interesting in most instances. Some show a desire to get out of the ruts and make constructive recommendations.”

He takes large extracts from the Report on Capitular Masonry of Comp. Gardiner and says there is much food for reflection.

Of our own Review he kindly says:—

“He presented another of his wonderful reports of Capitular Correspondence.

“Companion Ponton’s writing is as delightful as his spoken word. Indeed, as I read I can visualize him as he writes and it seems too bad to put a curb on his easy style, but I am sure he will continue to give his readers one of the best reviews written. It is hard to select quotations for I can mark on nearly every page a paragraph worthy of mention.”

In Connecticut as in many Jurisdictions, they call the roll at the end of the meeting and catch defaulters in that way. Comp Bodge thus speaks under Connecticut:—

“When the final roll call was made the representatives of two Chapters had vanished and it was

“Voted: ‘That Warren Chapter and Washington Chapter be notified to show cause why the usual fine should not be imposed upon them for non-representation at Roll-call.’

“Good for Connecticut. Why should not the representatives of Chapters stick around to know what is transpiring?

“George A. Kies submitted his eighteenth Annual Review and for the first time included the foreign ones with those of the United States alphabetically. George is learning right along.”

England, we are glad to say, receives full attention. He speaks of the \$50,000 received in contributions and wants to know what becomes of it all, adding:—

“Doubtless it is used for relief as the Craft of England is nothing if not generous to its dependents.

“At the Quarterly the Pro First Grand Principal spoke pointedly of the need of a ‘brighter Grand Chapter’ and told those present most frankly that they let one or two do all the business while the rest sat quietly by, asking no questions and probably knowing very little of why certain actions were taken.

“Why should not that be applicable to Companions everywhere?

“But this correspondence in the outward forms of administration, is only the visible sign of an inward principle, which is the very spirit of English Freemasonry.

“Taken all in all there was a very exalted spirit of the dignity and worth of the principles of Capitular Masonry voiced in all the utterances of Lord Amptill at all Convocations.

Speaking of “perambulation” he says under Missouri:—

“I wonder if it would entail more hardship for the candidates to go to the Chapter than for the Chapter to go to the candidates. Why not be honest and say it is because the candidates do not care enough for the degrees to go and get them that they are provided an easy method.”

New York furnishes him with this idea perhaps applicable to us all:—

“Chapters should do their own work and not ask another to do it for them. It is not well for the candidate to make it too easy for him to obtain the Chapter degrees. What is lightly gained is least esteemed.”

Texas and Helm, of course, give him much ammunition. He says:—

“He makes one interested with him.

“Helm is often epigrammatical:

“Masonic light does not and can not mean anything to those who are not qualified to receive it. The Masonic body, which elects candidates whom it knows are not qualified in mind and heart and soul, is merely prostituting Masonry for money.”

And he thus concludes:—

“Should there be any observations of mine in the review with which you take issue do not fear to write or consult with me in regard to same, for it is only by such interchange of ideas we can best work for the advancement of Capitular Masonry.”

MANITOBA.

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Brownell, Grand Z.

The Fourth Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, 2nd February, 1927.

Four Past Grand Z.'s adorned and were honoured in the Grand East.

M. Ex. Comp. Pinkerton, Grand Z. of Saskatchewan, was introduced.

For the first time in the history of Grand Chapter there was no Representative from North Dakota, Walter L. Stockwell announcing the illness of their Grand High Priest.

Grand Scribe E. Moulden was also absent on account of serious illness.

Grand Z. Brownell's address is in every way worthy of the man and the Jurisdiction. It is one of those rare heart to heart talks that we seldom meet and this Reviewer therefore makes no apology for quoting largely from this contribution to good will, good words and good deeds. He first of all gives the objects of the meeting, to give devoted thanks to the Great I Am for aiding our endeavours to discharge our respective duties and to fulfill our solemn obligations and to meet the members here through fraternal affiliations, quick to assimilate the spirit of good fellowship:—

"The Spirit of Fraternalism is the common property of the world: It makes us more useful and more capable of enjoyment, no matter what sphere of life we occupy. Everywhere you turn the voice of cordial greetings sounds in your ear, and the warm hand of brotherly love is extended. Surely the potent power which has brought about this condition is one of Heaven's most priceless gifts to Mankind.

"If the forming and cementing of friendship and the extension of fraternal intercourse were all that we accomplished even then would I insist that our organization was worth while, for were it not for the associations which we cultivate, the friendships which we form, and the affectionate concern for one another which generates as a result of our meeting here, we would have been deprived of one of the greatest privileges that grace our existence.

"What is a friend? Here is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. He asks of you to assume nothing, hide nothing, only to be what you are.

"With a friend, you do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, express what you feel. With him you breathe freely. You can take off your coat and loosen your collar. You can reveal your little vanities and your hobbies, your likes and dislikes, and in disclosing them to him they are lost, swallowed up, in the ocean of his loyalty.

"With a friend you do not have to be careful; he understands. He is like fire, that purifies all you do. He is like water, that cleanses all you say. He is like wine, that warms you to the bone.

"In true friendship, there must be both give and take. Patience and forbearance are its essential characteristics. We should not ask too much if we expect to keep a friendship, and most of all, we must be ready to give ourselves, at our very best, to meet the needs and expectations of our friends.

"Nearly every man here, if asked directly, would admit that he was drawn to Masonry by the quality of its men. Therefore, Companions, it behooves us to keep up the standards. Nearly every Chapter has one or more of these old patriarchs—men who are far along in years, walking down the western slope where the shadows lengthen towards evening—who are eager and alert of spirit, happy and forward-looking, their faith undimmed, their zest in life unabated.

"And so Companions, may each and all of us grow old, reverently and beautifully.

"No man wins the victory all at once or once for all.

"I have endeavored to convince our Companions that there should be no dull Chapters, that an inactive Chapter is worse than if it did not exist. The power of a body lies in concerted action. Without Unity and Co-operation there can be no progress.

"And the basis of unity of action lies in individual self-mastery and self-control, the word is used in its widest sense, meaning control of all the impulses and feelings.

"Self mastery does not consist, as is sometimes thought, entirely of negation. It is at its flood tide when it dominates the faculties and aspirations so that it means initiative, development, enlargement of every faculty and capacity.

"There is no place like home, no music like the sweet voices of the fireside!

"With light beyond the sun,

A Land where dreams are ended,
And days and work are done."

He notes the increasing tendency among the different Chapters to get together upon the interchange of visits. He speaks of the fine spirit which exists as a realization of the real value of maintaining a perfect understanding, and closes with Kipling's lines:—

"If we knew the cares and trials,
 Knew the efforts all in vain. •
 And the bitter disappointment,
 Understood the loss and gain—
 Would the grim eternal roughness
 Seem—I wonder—just the same?
 Should we help where now we hinder?
 Should we pity where we blame?
 And we'd love each other better
 If we only understood."

The Prince of Wales uses the phrase "adopt, adapt and improve," the Grievances and Appeals Committee having no troubles to trouble them, adopt, adapt and improve California's verses as their Report as follows:—

"Your Grievance Committee the whole year through
 Have really and truly had nothing to do,
 That you may understand the situation,
 Just listen to the following narration:

"In days gone by, we read in song and story
 Judges rode circuit through the English land
 Trying the cases brought them, all and sundry.
 Administering justice out of hand.

But sometimes, 'ere the Judges reached a City,
 The suitors came together, one by one,
 Differences were hurriedly adjusted,
 And not a case was left to act upon.

Then when, at length, they saw the Judges coming,
 Officials met them with a pleasant speech;
 Happily winned and dined them in the evening,
 And gave a pair of milk-white gloves to each.

Thus did they typify the peace and quiet
 Which in their law-abiding City reigned:
 And so we of your Grievances Committee
 Bear witness that our Chapters all have gained

By our just law's benignant operation,
 The Peace and Harmony our Order loves.
 We don't expect the wining, but Companions.
 Pardon the question—How about the gloves?"

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead pay a wonderful tribute to those who have passed away and acknowledge their indebtedness to Grand Scribe E. Moulden in furnishing them with part of their material. We quote:—

"I commend this practice to all my Companions, viz., when you come across in your reading, something that helps, strengthens,

enlightens, or indorses (in well chosen words) your convictions and faith, re: the great verities of life and death, clip it out or write it down, the very doing of it will repay you; if you can send them to a Friend who has some problem to face or task to perform, you will both be helped.

"We know not whither we are bound,
Faith teaches us that Death is Birth,
The gateway to fairer grounds,
Than ever we have known on earth.

Yet none return to lead the way,
Or strengthen us in times of doubt;
As passengers on Shore we stay,
Until our ship is ordered out.

We know not where life's journey ends,
We only know that end it must;
That Friends must sail away from Friends
And in some future meeting trust.

And on the Piers of Life we stand,
Watching Death's vessels put to sea,
Bound for that dim and distant land,
Which men have called Eternity.

And the stately ships go on,
To the haven under the hill;
But O for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still."

Of the address of the Grand First Principal the Committee say:—

"We note with deep gratification that our Grand First Principal has by advice well given, and sentiment kindly expressed, added to that wealth of true Masonic friendship which permeates the chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction."

Comp. John Parton's Report on Fraternal Correspondence was not ready for the printer.

MARK MASTER MASONS GRAND LODGE, ENGLAND AND WALES.

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, Grand Master.

The full official title is the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

We have only received one pamphlet, being the minutes of the Quarterly Communication held at Mark

Masons' Hall, London, 6th September, 1927. On the throne as Acting Grand Master R.W. Very Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.M., Buckinghamshire.

A list of those present is very suggestive of the old families of England and of those who have done great service to the Craft, such as Napier-Clavering, Colville Smith, Alfred Robbins, Vezey Vezey Fitzgerald, Songhurst, Covey-Crump, Thomas Gabriel Lumley Lumley-Smith, (Grand Secretary), Davoren, Sankey, Warren Hastings, Montague Wakefield, Vivian Leveaux, and last but not least in the circumambulation of nomenclature, Colonel Cuthbert Gambier Ryves Sydney-Turner, D.S.O.

Warrants were granted to five Lodges and 716 Mark Certificates and 165 Royal Ark Mariner Certificates were issued.

A new D.G.M. for Bengal, India, was appointed by the Grand Master, and also several re-appointments for Districts were made.

The apron and collar of the late Duke of Clarence, G.S.W. in 1887, were presented.

The Board had the melancholy duty of reporting several deaths.

The Grand Secretary notified the gathering that he would be happy to receive the names of ladies and brethren willing to act as Stewards for the annual Festival to be held 28th June, 1928.

The Acting Grand Master congratulated Sir Alfred Robbins upon the success of his visit to South America, of which interesting details were given. He had carried out his duties with his accustomed ability and zeal.

The President of the Board said that he could not over-estimate the wonderful value it has, when an accredited agent visits a Country, representing Grand Lodge, with which we will all agree.

MARYLAND.

Charles W. Zimmerman, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation was held in Baltimore, December 14th, 1926, with fourteen Past Grand High Priests fulfilling their honourable duty. This is a great record for Maryland as there

are only fourteen living. The Grand High Priest said to them:—

"I bid you who have borne the heat and burden of the day thrice welcome to this Grand Convocation, and pray God that you may each be long spared to guide and advise this Grand Chapter."

Canada's Grand Representative was not present.

When the Grand High Priest was elected he was also Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Maryland and found the double duty trying.

The Grand Inspectors, he says, have been very faithful.

One of his aims has been to bring to the attention of Master Masons the need of the Royal Arch Degree to perfect his Masonic education, and he suggested this which has been the practice of some of the Grand Chapters in Toronto:—

"An educational evening with music and refreshments to which Master Masons might be invited would do much toward accomplishing this purpose."

Among the courtesies reported was one at the request of New York to confer the Degrees on Sigvard K. Antreassen, a seaman whose ship was laid up for repairs at Baltimore.

In order that both sides may be heard, he gives this unstinted praise to De Molay:—

"Helping to mold the characters of the future citizens of our state by instilling acknowledgement of dependence on God, love of Country, and greater reverence for father and mother, is indeed a true Masonic work, and must necessarily result in a higher grade of citizenship than would otherwise be attained. God speed the Chapters of De Molay and their sponsors!"

For the solution of the dependent membership problem he suggests:—

"That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge be requested to furnish to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter every half year a list of such Brethren as have during the previous half year been suspended or expelled or have dimitted. That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter upon receipt thereof ascertain if any of such Brethren are members of any of the constituent Chapters, and if such is found to be the case, that he notify the Secretary of such constituent Chapter of the action of the Blue Lodge, so that proper steps may be taken by such Chapter to purge its rolls."

Of rough and rugged horse-play generally he says truly:—

“Let the lessons be impressed upon the mind spiritually rather than the body physically. Let us live and act the lessons taught rather than make public and possibly unprofitable display thereof.”

From the Lecturer's Report we take this record:—

“There is one Chapter which seems to be very much in distress, but with the consent of the Grand High Priest, who issued a dispensation to elect from the floor, we are applying heroic measures for its continuance and we have hopes that it will survive.”

Membership, 9,832. Net increase, 116.

The Inspectors make this recommendation:—

“That the Companions ‘be required to enter the Chapter through the proper door and not through the side door, and be requested to salute the Chair upon entering or retiring therefrom.’”

Grand High Priest-elect Seipp was an Instructor in the Polytechnic Institute, and is now Vice-President of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, also of the Board of Education and then (why spoil it all), he is also “biographed” as follows—a joiner truly:—

“He is an Active Member of the Grand Council of the Order of De Molay.

“He is also a member of numerous Clubs, Tall Cedars, Grotto, Shrine and Jesters.”

The many Memorial pages each adorned by verses are preceded by this appropriate caption:—

“The following Most Excellent Companions have descended the Arch and been exalted by the Supreme Grand High Priest.”

Maryland was represented by R. G. W. Conolly, of St. Catharines, and George I. Danekar, of Baltimore, represents Canada.

The Correspondence Report is again by Comp. the Reverend Henry Branch, D.D., and is satisfying.

Under Alabama we find:—

“The small, inaccessible, struggling Chapters make a strong appeal to this M.E. Companion who has my heartiest sympathy.”

He recounts under Canada the welcome of Toronto and the numerous distinguished visitors whom it was our privilege to greet. He is much attracted by Northern Ontario, and the visit of the Grand Z. there. He says

the Reports of the Grand Superintendents always interest him as he follows them in their rounds. He quotes the following from the address of the Grand Master:—

“One of the greatest dangers that threatens Masonry to-day is the feature of personal interpretations, and very often erroneous interpretations of the purpose and mission of Masonry on the part of bodies who are affiliated with it, and sometimes of bodies who are not affiliated with it, but pretend to have some connection with it.”

And from the Grand Z. of Quebec these words:—

“When we leave these walls, Companions, and meet outside on the street, do we pass each other by or do we stop and grasp each other by the hand? When you meet in the workshop do you never mention the word ‘Companion,’ or in the office or place of business? Do we go through life and forget the meaning of that word? That is what I call the application of Freemasonry. We make it practical.”

He refers approvingly to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry and also to the fine report of Grand Scribe E.

He says that he enjoys our review but apparently Maryland was omitted. We made up for it in last Report.

Under Kansas we find approbation given to an instrument apparently much in use:—

“The stereopticon is proving a great help in instruction and stabilizing the work, eliminating abuses, etc., correcting errors and irregularities which had grown into the work and been handed down from one administration to another.”

He speaks under New Jersey of a “host of notables who crown our feast with such distinguished honours that time and space limit me to recalling their names.”

Of the work of the Grand District Inspectors of New South Wales he says:—

“I feel as if I were sitting down and chatting with the several Companions and begin to take part in their work.”

Under Scotland he speaks of the new Provincial Grand Chapter of Inverness as bringing about a notable state of mutual helpfulness and good will.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Harry G. Pollard, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Proceedings have as frontispiece an excellent sepia engraving of the late John Albert Blake, General Grand High Priest, whose firm but kindly countenance is very expressive.

A Quarterly Communication was held in Boston, March 9th, 1926.

The Grand High Priest sent a cablegram from Colon in the Canal Zone, expressing regret at absence.

We note the continued activity of Samuel F. Hubbard and other veteran colleagues who will die in knightly harness.

Grand Chaplain Bush addressed Grand Chapter on "The Story of the Royal Arch," and in three weeks thereafter he passed to that home about which he had so long and earnestly preached. His story was fully told.

A Special Convocation was held at Lowell to attend the joint Centennial Anniversaries there, and we take from the historical address the following:—

"Our members have been leaders in social, business and religious activities and by their integrity have added much to the respect for our Order. To-day, as the weaving continues, we review our opportunities for service, more as a spur for the future than for satisfaction or pride in past achievements.

"For not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why
The dark threads are as useful
In the weaver's skilful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern he has planned."

From the "Romance of the Royal Arch" we gather these passages:—

"Shall we think together of certain 'rejected stones' which Royal Arch Masonry has pushed up into places of power and beauty. It is not difficult to find, in this process, three dramatic aspects of genuine romance;—the Romance of the Builders, the Romance of the Seeker, the Romance of a Mystic Comradeship. All of these are, without exception, vitally related to the central and permanent message of Royal Arch Masonry.

"Always the true Mason is a Seeker. He has heard that everlasting whisper which came to Kipling's hero 'The Explorer,'

“‘Something lost and something hidden. Go and look
behind the Ranges;
Something lost behind the Ranges; lost and waiting for
you. Go!’

“Most of us are seeking in these days, to combine the intellect of a skeptic with the faith of a mystic. We believe that the dead are interested in all that is going on here. That strange passage in the Epistle to the Hebrews comes back to us this afternoon with a haunting suggestiveness;—‘And these all received not the promise—that apart from us they should not be made perfect.’ He means that the dead are not so very far away after all.

“It is impossible to escape the challenge of his words—

“‘If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies blow
In Flanders Field.’

“In that fashion you are to think of the dead in your own Chapter”

Quarterly Convocation was held June 8th, 1926.

Of the late Grand Chaplain Bush the Committee say:—

“He was more than a Parish Minister, he was a great spiritual leader in the community in which he lived.

“The Clergyman we respected; the Masonic Officer we honoured; the man we loved. It is as a man that we remember him, and regret his loss to-day, for the man was greater than any of his offices or honours.”

Quarterly Convocation was held September 7th, 1926, Grand High Priest Pollard having returned and presiding.

Grand Chaplain Thomas addressed the Companions and some of his pregnant sentences are:—

“Masonry has always accorded credit to work as a means of self-support. It asks only that it be honest work.

“Masonry has always respected work as a means of service to the world.

“Masonry honours every worker in the Temple of Life as a co-operator in the world’s business, and as a necessary part in the solidarity of the race.”

The Annual Convocation was held December 7th, 1926.

Canada’s Grand Representative was reported absent.

Seven Past Grand High Priests strengthened and adorned the Grand East, all familiar names.

We could with advantage, reproduce many pages from the address of the Grand High Priest. We must content ourselves with the following:—

"As in the olden days the various tribes of Greece were wont to assemble at stated times and celebrate in ceremony and festival the events which inspired reverence and pride for national prestige, so we come up hither to common Olympia to participate in the pleasures of our annual convocation, in order that by a casual survey of the past we may the better prepare for future possibilities.

"There is a peculiar significance attached to a gathering like this. Business men and professional men, men of every variety of political thought and of different religious creeds, men of both affluent and humble circumstances, as well as men of both public and private station, are willing and ready to lay aside minor differences of opinion, however ardent and conscientious they may be in their maintenance, that they may meet around our altar in atmosphere of common brotherhood, beneath the smile of Fatherhood omnipotent and divine.

"John Albert Blake was a true and upright Mason, who in a marked degree exemplified those virtues on which Freemasonry lays the greatest stress. Than this there is no higher praise.

"The earth is poorer since they took their flight,
But heaven is richer now that they are there;
And on their brows gleam with transcendent light
Such crowns as honest, upright men shall wear."

He closes with these words:—

"However, such is the Capitular system in this Grand Old Jurisdiction of ours that my shortcomings and inabilities were hardly noticed and I feel that the year in ending finds us as hopeful and as enthusiastic for Chapter Masonry as in any of the years which have passed."

Membership, 41,860. Net gain, 348.

Lorenzo L. Green is Canada's Grand Representative, and Massachusetts is represented here by D. H. McIntosh.

The Convention of High Priests met as usual, and with good result.

The Capitular Review is by Frederick T. Comee, P.G. H.P., who is also Grand Secretary.

Under Arkansas we read:—

"The 'Correspondence Review' is again by Mark T. Olney. He mentions the allusion to our custom of electing our Grand High Priests for three consecutive terms in the conclusion to my 'Review' and says 'it would seem at first blush to be a good law yet hard on aspiring Companions who are willing to serve their Grand Chapter,' in which he may be right, but we have found that those aspirants, and their friends, are well satisfied with the election to an office that carries with it Permanent Membership in our Grand Chapter and leaves the office of Grand High Priest free to seek its occupant because of especial qualifications for the performance of

its duties and not simply because he happens to be in the line for promotion."

Of California's Plumb he says:—

"The 'Report on Correspondence,' the fifth by E. Max A. Plumb, contains much Capitular information. As usual it is in topical form. I may not fully approve that form for a review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters, but I hope I can recognize real merit wherever it exists and am glad to say that I think the Excellent Companion deserves much commendation for his efforts in this field of Masonic service."

He approves of our Grand Z. who he says is evidently a business man and who called attention to curtailing the cost of the Annual Proceedings, a suggestion he says, worthy of their general careful consideration.

Of Comp. Gardiner's Report he says:—

"The report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry contains much I would like to place before you but I must confine myself to a few selections.

"There is much more I wish might be read and carefully considered by every Royal Arch Mason."

Of our own Review we read with pleasure:—

"Those who are acquainted with him know that it must be good. Practically nine pages are devoted to a fraternal consideration of Massachusetts, containing liberal excerpts from the addresses of Sir Alfred Robbins, Dudley H. Ferrell, Curtis Chipman and the Correspondence Report, with approval. His report is very interesting and well worth reading and will be gladly shown any Companion wishing to see it."

Closing his Review of Michigan he gives this information and suggestion:—

"An excellent amendment to the Constitution relating to the forming of new Chapters presented by R.E. Companion Conover was adopted. It requires the signatures of at least thirty Royal Arch Masons to the petition for the dispensation with an agreement from thirty Master Maosns in the proposed Jurisdiction to petition for the Chapter degrees during the first year after the dispensation has been granted and showing that they have paid at least one-half of the minimum fee. Massachusetts also requires each of the applicants for the dispensation to agree to become members of the Chapter if and when it is formed.

"If a similar law had existed in some other Jurisdictions several weak and troublesome Chapters would have been avoided."

Under North Carolina he expresses his approval of Fraternal visits. He thinks each Chapter should do its

own work in regular form and order. He says that in Massachusetts all officers below the Grand Secretary are appointed.

Of Foreign Correspondence he writes:—

"I have reached that which the Grand Chapter designates 'Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence,' by Companion Allen, but I consider the title he uses, 'Capitular Reviews,' much better. It is separately bound, double the size of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter and many times as interesting."

As to conferring Degrees by Grand Chapter he says under Vermont:—

"I do not consider really conferring degrees a province of a Grand Chapter. The Chapters are constituted for that purpose. With Companions acting as candidates interruptions may be made during the work for explanations and suggestions, or to answer questions which could not be done with actual candidates without seriously affecting the dignity and solemnity of the degrees."

He supports the Grand High Priest as against the Jurisprudence Committee under Wisconsin in the following words:—

"I have seen a presiding officer with his right arm in a sling confer degrees, having a Companion give the signs and grips as he directed, and I doubt any one claiming that the degrees were not regularly conferred. Could not a desirable and deserving unfortunate Companion, even without an entire arm, comply with our requirements in the same manner? I am inclined to believe that the strict physical requirements of ancient *operative* Masonry may be somewhat liberally considered at this time."

MICHIGAN.

George King Phillips III, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation opened in ample form in Grand Rapids, May 18th, 1927.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests graced the East.

A table of Masonic Chronology and of Masonic publications recommended, precedes the volume.

Among the distinguished guests was our own Kenneth J. Dunstan, of Canada, with Edwin Smith, R. H. Spencer, W. Hughes and T. L. Cochrane as guards of honour.

The Roll of Honour of Past Grand High Priests is read at each meeting, a worthy custom.

The Grand Representatives were officially received. Canada is proud to have Charles A. Conover, of Coldwater, answer for her.

The address of the Grand High Priests contains the following items and thoughts of interest:—

"It is with great joy that I can report that for the first time in many years, we are not saddened by the passing to the Great Beyond of any of our official family.

"Christmas greetings and Christmas cheer were dispensed by the Benevolence Committee.

"I wrote to Dr. Frank R. Loope, of Seattle, member of Minerva Chapter, on behalf of Grand Chapter at Christmas time, and received a most delightful response. His is one of the most remarkable cases I have ever known. Bed-ridden for years and yet he is doing more in helping other shut-ins and spreading sunshine than any man that I know. He has a telephone at his bedside and through it instructs his committees in all of their activities in promoting happiness among the unfortunate. He has two titles in the city of Seattle: one, *Doctor of Inspiration*; the other, *Millionaire of Happiness*.

"I strongly advise all who are eligible to petition for the beautiful order conferred by the Grand Council of Order of High Priesthood."

"Dispensations have been granted for good and sufficient reasons; when in any doubt I have consulted with the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee."

Some dispensations were refused, one on the following approved grounds:—

"I informed them that I was compelled to make an adverse decision as I do not believe in making a Royal Arch Chapter of Ancient Craft Masonry a mill or machine for the purpose of rushing candidates through to enable them to take some of the so-called higher bodies."

A man whose Blue Lodge was in Sweden wanted to petition, but the G.M. held that:—

"It would be impossible for Peninsular to take this man in, because Sweden was not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Michigan for the reason that they do not trace their genealogy to the Grand Lodge of England, but are of Scottish Rite origin."

Of his visit to us at Ottawa he says:—

"We were treated with great courtesy and enjoyed our visit in their beautiful capital city."

He commends the progress made in Camp Rademaker for the boys of De Molay.

Michigan appears to have the same difficulty as to the mark that we had and the Grand High Priest thus lays down the law:—

“I respectfully recommend to Grand Chapter that the registration of the Mark be made mandatory. I find that the majority of the states and foreign countries make it compulsory before conferring the Royal Arch degree. The registration of the Mark gives distinction of a personal nature to each Royal Arch Mason, and in some Grand Jurisdictions it is a great embarrassment to a Royal Arch Mason as a visitor if he does not have his Mark.

“It is the only personal insignia in all Masonry that has been handed down through the ages, that may be worn at all times, but only by a Royal Arch Mason.”

Well merited praise is given to Lou B. Winsor, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Grand Treasurer Newell made his thirty-second Annual Report, a splendid record of fidelity and efficiency.

Grand Secretary Conover presented his twenty-fourth annual greeting and message. He says that a study of forty-six Grand Jurisdictions showed that the Ritual had nothing to do with the gains and losses recorded and that there is a general truth, namely, that losses are mainly occasioned by non-payment of dues.

As to Secretaries he says pungently:—

“We have never conceived the fact that the Secretary’s job was a REAL business proposition, and as a result, many of our Companions have met suspension when a decent regard for common business principles would have saved a large number of them to our rolls.”

He quotes approvingly M. Ex. Comp Dunstan’s address on progress as follows:—

“Unless a member contributes something to Masonry, other than the annual fee, he adds little to the strength of the Order and nothing to the great work which it carries on.”

Membership, 47,420. Net gain, 621.

The Companions are encouraged to obtain Royal Arch Arch Emblem Buttons which consist of a circle, a triangle and within the latter a triple-tau, surrounded by R.A.M.

Of Dr. Frank R. Loope referred to by the Grand High Priest, originator of a unique Society, he says:—

"SUNSHINE-SMILES SOCIETY"

"There has been a new fraternity organized by a Mason, but whose membership is not by any means confined to members of the Masonic Fraternity, so this will not come under the ban of Grand Lodge."

Of his visit to Albany he thus comments:—

"It was indeed a great privilege to visit the exact spot where the Grand Chapter of New York was organized 130 years ago and where it has met annually ever since in the Masonic Temple at Albany."

The Grand Lecturer gives an interesting resumé of his work and travels during the year, from which we make the following extract:—

"While away I visited the location of King Solomon's Temple, was in the quarries where the stones were all 'hewn, squared and numbered'; crossed the Lebanon Mountains and saw from a distance the forests of Lebanon where the timbers were felled and prepared for that magnificent structure; saw the rough banks near Joppa, travelled the road from Joppa to Jerusalem and from Damascus to Jerusalem. Every one of these places are revered by every Mason.

"You can hardly imagine the thrill that is given one when he actually stands on those very places of which we have heard so much. When we turn our minds back three thousand years and think that the activities were a reality and not a myth, it is a wonderful experience."

These In Memoriam verses are given by the Committee:—

"It seemeth such a little way to me,
Across to that strange country, The Beyond,
And yet, not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond;
They make it seem so familiar and most dear
As journeying friends bring distant countries near."

Of inter-visitation between Grand Jurisdictions the Committee say:—

"We are indeed grateful for the presence of our distinguished visitors from sister Jurisdictions, and your committee is very sure that it is the desire of every member of this Grand Chapter that these most happy fraternal visits may long continue to cement the brotherly love and friendship which has existed for so many years between the members of these Grand Bodies."

The President of the Order of High Priesthood reports a new Charter presented to Canadian Companions.

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, our G.S.E., represents Michigan. The familiar name of Harry L. Izor, P.G.H.P., as Fraternal Correspondent, is welcome.

In his introduction he says:—

“There is much happiness in remarking that R. Ex. Comp. Conover’s contributions are to continue. The Fraternal Correspondence is an added feature, if this expression is not too bold.

“Criticism, either of the constructive or destructive type, will be cheerfully accepted. If it balances a happy medium, we’ll be satisfied.

“The main idea is presenting matters which we believe will be of general interest to the Royal Craft of our own Grand Jurisdiction. In all, an effort to give the Companions of Michigan a peep into the deliberations, customs, methods, style and form, so to say, of other Grand Jurisdictions. Yes, and of their problems and undertakings. Excerpts have been culled from addresses of Grand High Priests, Distinguished Guests, Secretaries, Committeemen and others, all with the hope that with the assimilation thereof nourishment is provided for those who hunger for more light and information.”

Alberta gives him much food for thought and quotation including the following:—

“Therefore, Companions, be yet steadfast in your attendance at Chapter, unmovable in your enthusiasm for greater activity; always abounding in the works of fraternal love.

“Is is representative of Body, Soul and Spirit. As a Royal Arch Mason, man is ever surrounded by the irresistible influence of the ‘Three’ and the sacred number shows his view at every step of his progress.”

Of our own M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan he says:—

“Kenneth J. Dunstan, the splendid features and sterling qualities that stand out before us in the half-tone likeness of this very remarkable man, the newly elected Grand Z.”

Of our visitors he adds this as to our cup running over:—

“In all the representatives were ‘too numerous to mention,’ and yet apparently not sufficient in numbers to tax the glad hand of welcome, cordial hospitality and splendid entertainment for which the Canadian hosts are famed.”

He quotes largely and comments wisely from our Proceedings:—

“The Canadian Grand Jurisdiction uses the superintendent of districts system, instead of one or more Grand Lecturers.

“The message thus conveyed is worthy of imitation. In fact imitation could be the best compliment paid.

R. Ex. Comp. Gardiner rendered a splendid report on that which is styled 'Condition of Capitular Masonry.'"

Of our own review he is kind enough to say:—

"He diffuses his knowledge of the English language. He gives a foreword in introducing his review that is distinctly characteristic of his vein of thought.

"Ten pages are filled with his review of Michigan's Annual. Nine of the forms of welcome used by M.E. Grand High Priest Wm. E. Goff are reproduced by Col. Ponton, showing in particular the free use of 'Tom,' 'Dick' and 'Harry' as applied by 'Bill' to the distinguished guests."

Under Indiana we find the following vivid introduction:—

"Behold! What have we here? A veritable photo gallery! As we turn the pages into this Year Book we find splendid half-tone likenesses of the Grand High Priest, the Grand High Priest-elect, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Lecturer. Further on we also find a likeness of the Grand Secretary with the added caption of Correspondent. What a remarkable fine looking array of Excellent Companions. The comparative young age of the presiding officers, is equalled only in Michigan, judging from our observation in other Grand Jurisdictions."

Of Comp. Wilson, Grand Correspondent of Kansas, he says:—

"He can say 'yes' if it suits the occasion, and just as emphatic with a 'no' if it strikes him that way. In other words, you know where to find him, and its 'in the open.'"

Under Texas we find the following:—

"Sam J. Helm presents the Fraternal Review. He launched into Michigan's Annual with Grand Representatives uppermost in his mind, saying:

"'When half a hundred G.R.'s stood for welcome, Texas was represented by Comp. Not Present, who has represented us on so many occasions in so many Jurisdictions.'"

The continuation of Comp. Conover's History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch contains many pages of research regarding the Past Master Degree, with photographs of Mackey and other founders, and diagrams. Also a learned report on the Tetragrammaton.

The following will be found interesting to Masonic students:—

"The practical motive of the Hindoo Triad, no doubt 'came from the effort of the Brahmans to unite all India in one worship.'

"Surely, then, we who learn in our first step that Freemasonry 'unites men of every *country*, sect and opinion,' may justly frown upon any sectarian attempt to corrupt our ritual, and as justly strive to preserve the Triad unimpaired, as received from the Fathers, of Jah the Creator, Bel the Powerful, and On as 'He who is,' or, if so be, the City of the Sun, the fountain of Light, before which, in the Burning Bush, 'Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look upon God.'"

He quotes and gives this tribute to British Masonry:—

"Here then is one of the finest tributes ever paid to British Masonry, for it shows that, as at present constituted and controlled, it provides the most formidable barrier against the infiltration of this country by alien or subversive secret societies.

"Let us think and strive accordingly. Our defence must be like that of the British navy, which is sometimes called the 'great silent Service,' unostentatious, unprovocative, and unaggressive, but sleeplessly vigilant, prepared in every quarter, and absolutely impregnable."

And he closes with a brief history of American Grand Chapters.

MINNESOTA.

Frank H. McCuskey, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation was held in St. Paul, October 12th, 1926.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests graced the Grand East.

Canada was represented by A. D. Countryman, who was installed as Grand Captain of the Host.

Grand High Priest McCuskey made this modest beginning and then detailed an immense amount of work done in this Jurisdiction:—

"I feel that the honour is much greater than the service which I have been able to render but I have done my best and I hope that you will find at least some 'Good Work—True Work—and Square Work' according to the Designs upon the 'Trestle Board,' bearing in mind Companions, that 'Perfection on earth has never been attained.'"

One of his decisions is the following:—

"Is it necessary to use the Chapter Seal on all the correspondence of the Chapter.

"Answer. 'No.' The Seal is used only to attest formal official papers and documents, such as the Annual Report to the Grand

Chapter, By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws, Annual Receipt Cards for Dues, et cetera."

The Grand Chapter handed over to the Masonic Home \$10,333.

Among the recommendations is the following:—

"I would recommend that every member of a Chapter be required by law to show the current Blue Lodge card when he pays his Chapter Dues."

Membership, 17,040. Gain, 239.

Grand Lecturer Works appears to be the right man to have charge of the workings. He is full of suggestions:—

"The Chapters doing good work, always invited criticism and suggestions and seemed eager to learn. The Chapters doing an inferior grade of work seemed to be satisfied with conditions and did not welcome suggestions.

"Financial conditions are about the same. I am more convinced than I ever was that this variance of conditions rests entirely with the High Priest at the head of the Chapter. When the High Priest of a Chapter realizes that he is supreme in his Chapter, that it is up to him to see that officers are elected who will attend meetings and will commit their work, we will have better Chapters. I wish to suggest again, as I have done all through the year, 'Don't accept the office of High Priest if you do not expect to work.'

"In one Chapter visited, I was informed by a recently Exalted Companion that when his petition was secured, he was informed that the Chapter was an unnecessary evil but he had to take it, and that they would rush him through as soon as possible.

"I know of no other way of getting such a Chapter on its feet again than by the follow-up system."

The Committee on the State of the Rite reveal a condition which sometimes exists in other Jurisdictions:—

"Chapter Masonry in the State of Minnesota needs an awakening of Chapter consciousness. Your Committee is convinced that a number of Chapter officers do not take their duties and obligations seriously enough. Their interests have been too much divided with other organizations at the expense of the Chapter."

The Committee on Necrology make this their text:—

"Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom and the congregation will show forth their praise."

And from their memorial verses we take this on "Mother Earth":—

"He sleeps as gently as he lived; and high
Among the trees, and underneath where blow.
The swelling buds, the green earth seems to know
And grieve—and hush—and softly say
 'Good-bye,'

And all who love him, when the blossoms bend,
Lean low to hear all Nature whisper: 'Friend.'"

Minnesota is represented near us by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Elwood, Chairman of our Committee on Finance.

The Foreign Correspondence Report for the fifth time is in the capable grasp of Charles S. Schurman who is penetrating and original, and we think must be a journalist, or have had some experience in that science which makes the full, ready, and exact man. He says that he endeavours to get from the Reports all that may stimulate interest and increase efficiency. He culls out the important things and adds in his foreward:—

"One is struck in reading these reports by the fact that so many of them show net losses, and this, too, in some of the larger Jurisdictions. However that may be there is evidenced progress in the things that make for the betterment of the Craft."

He gathers a new idea from Alberta:—

"The Grand First Principal reported that in his twenty-first official visit that he had sat as a 'side bencher' in order to view the work from a view point of 'less official aspect.'"

Under Arizona he asks this pregnant question:—

"He joined the ranks of those who insist on physical perfection at least in high degree. When are we to have a crusade for perfect mental qualification?"

He does not believe in iconoclastic dispensations and says under Arkansas:—

"The dispensations of the Grand High Priest show poor excuses for disregard of law."

We would like to have the ceremony referred to in the following under California:—

"He was invited to set the keystone of a new Temple at Bishop. There being no ceremony, in collaboration with another Companion a ceremony was 'concocted' and was used on this occasion, and a copy of it is incorporated in the address. The diction is fine."

Canada is generously and discriminatingly treated to five pages of review. He speaks of our numerous visitors.

He says that the Grand Z.'s address is a business paper excellently prepared, and that the dispensation to confer Degrees on candidates who have suffered from physical disability coincides entirely with his own personal views and with those of a large number of Masons everywhere. He refers at length to the organization of the Grand Chapter in 1857. He speaks with commendation of the work of the District Superintendents:—

“These officials are nominated by the Companions of the district which seems to assure the right Companions being chosen.

“There are sixteen of these reports, and all of them show that the official had performed efficient and conscientious work. The system seems to have been productive of the best results.”

He praises and quotes from the report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry by Comp. Gardiner, and simply carries us off our feet by the following eulogy which he gives to our review:—

“Now we come to the ‘Capitular Correspondence and Review of Sister Jurisdictions’ by Comp. Ponton, and without disparagement to others we believe it is the best report that comes to this desk. He is a fluent writer, uses elegant diction, and Canada should be proud of him, as we doubt not she is.

“He has a way of treating the Jurisdictions which seems to exhaust every subject, and his report contains a vast fund of valuable information. We note that he is continued as historian for his Grand Chapter, and surely is a valuable asset to that body. ‘May his shadow never grow less.’ His report is an inspiration.”

Here is an illuminating and original paragraph under Colorado as to postponed advancement, which cannot be condensed:—

“As we remember it, it is one year in Colorado. Some other Jurisdictions which have taken this ground are beginning to get ready to repeal it, because it has not had the effect expected. The only result we can see from this kind of legislation is to throw a wet blanket on the enthusiasm of young men who have started on the Masonic career, and have become so imbued with the splendid teachings as to want further light. If the light is desirable we can see no good reason why they should not have it at once. Many times the enthusiasm is spent before the time comes when they may petition for further degrees. However, Colorado is surely welcome to its adventure in this direction, but we really expect to live long enough to see it recede from this position, and we cannot but feel that to do so would be more in keeping with the spirit and teachings of the Craft in its appeal to Free Men.”

As to the United States Education Bill made a feature in many Grand Lodges, we find this comment:—

"In brief it seems to be a political football of a lot of interests, some with worthy and others unworthy motives. Some seem to have a fear which is not founded on fact, but it operates adversely just the same."

We do not find anything better than this on that mechanical formal rotation in office which is the despair of all who regard Masonry as a progressive science through individual merit as well as collectively:—

"Rotation in office, in our opinion, is doing more to retard the influence and power of Masonry than anything else. What it lacks lamentably in many places is leadership. Rotation in office does not often give it that, but men are pushed through the chairs regardless of their qualifications to lead, or of their standing in the community. When Masonry is headed by an upstanding man in whom the community as well as the fraternity has confidence it will have much more weight than when some nobody by the force of the rotation route is elevated step by step, to the top, often when the membership knows that the official thus promoted has no qualifications for the post. It is not fair to the institution, the body of which it is a part, nor to the individual himself, for no one ever gets honour out of a place he is not qualified to fill. The rotation route is not the one to elevate Masonry. Place men at the head in the same manner that you would select the manager of a business—for efficiency and efficiency alone. By the same token if you have a competent leader why not keep him while he remains competent and is willing to stay on the job?"

This admonition is needed with regard to electioneering and those indirect methods by which many seek to avoid the charge. We find it under Kentucky's review:—

"The Grand High Priest swings a justifiable cudgel against the bad practice of electioneering for office in grand bodies which had grown to some proportions. If legislation were adopted in all of them to the effect that pernicious practices of this kind should bar forever the individual in whose interest they were inaugurated that might have a salutary effort."

Of joint Convocations ad lib, we read this in the review of Massachusetts:—

"In the Minnesota Review he calls attention to the joint convocation in St. Paul, and quotes what Grand High Priest Works says: 'If such Convocations are not held too often I am led to believe they have a stimulating effect,' and suggests that he does not state the number of times he would consider too many, and asks: 'If good once, why not good many times? Possibly on the same theory that stimulants might be given once for physical ailments, but might not be good many times.'"

Of our good Comp. Guthrie of North Dakota hear him:—

“He is easily one of the best of the reviewers, and his work scintillates with good humor, even when he is administering a ‘dig.’”

Objections to advancement as well as black-balls appear to be a problem in the United States Jurisdictions as well as in some of our Canadian Provinces. Under Nova Scotia our Reviewer says:—

“Commenting on the decision of Grand High Priest Adams, that an objection operated the same as a cube, he wonders how long this objection may stand. The same length of time as an unfavorable ballot. Is not that reasonable and logical?”

Of General Grand Chapter in his conclusion Comp Schurman says that surely Samson is shorn of his locks and yet evidently a power that is more than influence remains, for he adds:—

“That it is something is proven by the fact that thirty-eight Chapters complied with the requests of the edict to sever fraternal relations with Texas. That action brought the Lone Star State to time, and restored harmony in the Craft. Think you that would have been accomplished had the thirty-eight stood out in hair splitting arguments as to sovereignty? It was the isolation which made Texas see the error of her ways, and withdraw the charter which it issued in disobedience to well known Masonic law and procedure on this side of the Atlantic at least.”

MISSISSIPPI.

Irvin M. Moody, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Meridian, 12th April, 1927.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests and Leon S. Lippincott, Grand Representative of Canada, being honoured at the altar.

From the biography of the New Grand High Priest, W. H. Whitaker, we learn that he is a Presbyterian, a Farmer and a Doctor, all three in one.

A Chapter with the extraordinary name of OKTIBBEHA was given sixty days to pay their last year's dues and on failure their charter was taken up and with their paraphernalia was handed over to the Grand Secretary.

With all the suffering of Mississippi they still sent \$250 to Florida sufferers.

A firm word of admonition was given to comatose Chapters:—

"To those Chapters who are dormant and not making any effort to interest their members in the beautiful work of the Chapter degrees and who cannot be induced to get to work, we will say, surrender your Charter and permit those of your members who are interested, to join some other live Chapter who is working regularly and who will be glad to give them the degrees."

The Report of Grand Lecturer Carter is one of the features of the Proceedings. A plan for co-operative supervision of Chapter, Council and Commandery was introduced and has been tentatively acted on by the Grand Lecturer in his plan of work. To give an idea of it and of the argument for it we quote:—

"The Chapter and the Commandery are mutually dependent.

"The Commandery depends on the Chapter to make Master Masons eligible for its degrees. When the Chapter is inactive,—and just to that extent,—it is impossible for the Commandery to increase in membership materially.

"Chapters must depend for applicants on the attraction of the York Rite system and active Commanderies mean greater attraction in the York Rite.

"This interdependence is inherent in the system, based upon the historical development of the York Rite and the continuity of its ritualistic symbolism.

"Yet, the Grand Bodies of the Rite have heretofore always attempted to promote the interests of each organization independently.

"A central agency in charge of Chapter, Council and Commandery, performing the functions of general management and of co-ordinating efforts of both Grand Bodies and of subordinate bodies, is necessary, of course, to close co-operative activities.

"Whatever of interest and activity there are in these bodies all over the state to-day, is created and maintained by the devoted efforts of a few members who carry all the burden.

"As a consequence of this scheme of management, the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery should hold their annual meetings during the same week and at the same place.

"Something must be done. Is not this the proper move?"

The Grand Lecturer concludes:—

"There are a few Chapters who only blunder through their efforts, or must call in outside help to do the work at all. But in almost every case they have had so few candidates that there is no motive to attempt better work. Good degree work would most certainly bring more petitions."

The Committee on Necrology present a report with some vitality of thought:—

“In the march of time Companions are constantly falling away from the procession. We pause a moment to cover precious dust with flowers and then march on.

“Sooner or later each of us shall leave the marching column and step upon the ship that sails upon eternity’s sea.

“The time or place of our sailing does not matter so much. The all important question should be the manner of our living. If our barque should come to anchor in the river of life, then it must be steered clear of the breakers that beset the sea of time.”

Membership, 7,618. Net loss, 65.

R. Ex. Comp. John J. Farley, M.D. of Belleville, is Grand Representative of Mississippi.

The Correspondence Reporter is M. Ex. Comp. Henry C. Yawn, who in introducing his Review says:—

“I have refrained, as is my custom, from interposing my own opinion, to any great extent, of matters quoted or transactions narrated, preferring to let my Companions read the facts and draw their own conclusions.

“I have found much to edify and enjoy in the various Grand Chapter Proceedings, and if my Companions will do me the courtesy and themselves the justice of reading the good things I bring to them in this report, I am sure they will be benefited and have a greater veneration for Capitular Masonry.”

Under Alberta he gives the quest of the best:—

“The diffusion of knowledge, the education and training of the boys and girls of our country and the dispensation of charity to the aged and the widows and orphans are the things worth while.”

The Arkansas Grand Secretary complaining about long delayed reports, our colleague suggests “why not try penalizing them, Companions? It might work.”

Under Canada he comments on the number of distinguished guests and the interchange of cordial and fraternal greetings. He says that the Dispensation as to physical disability is at variance with the positions of many Grand High Priests. We have not met many of them in our Reviews. He closes as follows and we thank him:—

“The Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry made a very optimistic report, showing a material improvement along every phase of Capitular interest.

“Companion Ponton submits one of the best reviews it has been our pleasure to read. It covers more than 300 pages of choice

excerpts and timely comment. We should like to reproduce his foreword and conclusion."

He cannot and we cannot resist a few lines of good poetry. He finds some under Illinois:—

"And a ripple of waters to tell the tale
Of a lonely voyager sailing away
To mystic isles, where at anchor lay
The craft of those who have gone before
O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore.

"But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
In a mooring sheltered from storm and gale
And greeting the friends who have sailed before
O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore."

And in Kentucky he finds many:—

"We do not sigh when golden skies have donned
The purple shadows and the gray of night,
Because we know the morning lies beyond
And we must wait a little while for light.

"Why all this toil for triumphs of an hour,
What though he wade in wealth, or soar in fame,
Earth's highest triumphs end in "Here he lies,"
And dust to dust concludes her noblest song."

New Zealand produces this quotation:—

"How true it is, 'When the personal equation comes in, principle gets a poor hearing.' The poet Burns recognized that weakness in man and expressed it in the lines:

"But, och! mankind are unco weak,
An' little to be trusted;
If self the wavering balance shake,
It's rarely right adjusted."

Again Nova Scotia gratifies his and my love for poetry:—

"Since it has been my joy to find
At every turning of the road
The strong arm of a comrade kind
To help me onward with my load;
And since I have no gold to give,
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is, while I live,
God make me worthy of my friends."

Tennessee produces this gentle criticism:—

"The reason for the abolition of the Grand Lecturer's office was stress in financial matters, yet the Grand High Priest recommends

that \$1,000.00 be set aside for use in paying per diem and expenses of Companions delegated to assist Chapters needing assistance."

And these verses:—

"If I am right, Thy Grace impart
Still in the right to stay;
If I am wrong, oh teach my heart
To find that better way.

"Save me alike from foolish pride
Or impious discontent,
At aught Thy wisdom has denied,
Or aught Thy goodness lent."

These are thoughts culled by him from Wisconsin:—

"The vastness of a man's life is sometimes so impressively brought home that on the instant eternal-relations blot out time-relations. The prospective of time is exchanged for the perspective of eternity and a man sees events in their real relations and order. The perspective of eternity is suddenly substituted for that of time and a man becomes conscious of the power and unity of an endless life."

MISSOURI.

Edward Wilmot Tayler, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The biography of Grand High Priest Tayler shows that he traces his lineage to the Isle of Wight and we read:—

"On his mother's side, he is directly descended from the Franklin family of Revolutionary fame.

"Gazing upon the likeness of our Companion, we can almost fancy a resemblance to rare Ben Franklin and we easily convince ourselves that many of Companion Tayler's excellent qualities of mind and heart have been derived from that shrewd and kindly author of the 'Sayings of Poor Richard.'"

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation was called to order April 26th, 1927, in the City of Marshall. Prior to the opening musical numbers were rendered by the students of the Missouri Valley College.

The address of welcome says:—

"We have seen with pride the ancient heroism and devotion of our forefathers. But symbolism is useless unless it is translated into meaning."

The Grand Master was received and honoured.

This call to duty was uttered by the Grand High Priest in his address:—

"May the mosaic of light and shadows of the year past be transmitted to those who will profit by the good and avoid the errors of the past. And while there is much of power, wealth and prosperity in the world to-day, it is well to remember that 'vigilance is the price of liberty,' and to preserve the high standard of Capitular Masonry, and pursue a course of unswerving loyalty to the cause. That our aims and objects may be constructive, we may say in the words of Micah, 'He hath shewed thee, O Man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.'"

"This carelessness of the Secretaries and the indifference on the part of the High Priests of the Chapters showing large suspension lists, is in many cases, the direct cause of the loss of hundreds of members each year."

He recommends that biographies of Past Grand High Priests be completed down to date and that an appropriation be made to cover the cost of the history of Grand Chapter in connection therewith.

In his reference to the work of the Silent Reaper he says:—

"Their tools in orderly array are laid aside and their work is ended, but to us they say, go labour on, there is much to do."

Charters having been mislaid, it was recommended and subsequently enacted that each incoming High Priest shall at installation receive from his predecessor the charter of his Chapter and that he be personally responsible therefor.

Membership, 35,600. Net loss, 176, showing that even great Jurisdictions like Missouri suffer from the many suspensions.

Analyzing the many deaths during the year the Committee on Necrology say:—

"The average age of these Companions was nearly seventy-two years. This means that they gave a half century of useful and honourable service to the various commonwealths in which they lived."

Grand Lecturer Marquis is assiduous at his duties day and night.

The next Convocation will be held in the City of Mexico, Missouri. We believe that few Easterners will have known of its existence but now it is upon the Masonic map.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present and Canada's Grand Representative responded to the Roll Call with 53 others, a record attendance.

As to the Triennial Convocation this provision was made:—

"All Past Grand High Priests of Missouri, who notify the committee of their intention to go will be taken as guests of the Grand Chapter of Missouri."

Municipal and Masonic slogans are much in vogue.

The Grand Master brought to the attention of Grand Chapter that wonderful institution—the Home, where a marvellous work is being done.

Missouri's Grand Representative with us was Alexander G. Horwood, of Toronto, genial, kindly and deeply regretted, and ours in Missouri is Orson H. Swearingen, of Kansas City.

M. Ex. Comp. David M. Wilson, whose untimely death cast a shadow over Capitular Masonry, having passed away, his successor is Frank A. Marshall, and a perusal of his Reviews will show that Grand Chapter has found a treasure, a master of good English, and a clear and discriminating mind. He says in part in his introduction:—

"While an occasional personal opinion seems wholly proper to me, I conceive it to be the fundamental duty of a Correspondent to correspond, rather than to criticize or obtrude his own views, to say a kindly word rather than condemn, and to respect the indisputable right of every Grand Chapter to decide for itself such problems as present themselves.

"A bit of pleasantries now and then does not seem to me to be inconsistent with the spirit of a Fraternity which is so human in its cheeriness, but the paramount quality of its deliberations is an abiding recognition of their importance to the Royal Craft. Without mock modesty, therefore, and certainly without egotism, I venture to submit this *ad interim* report."

Nearly every State and Province is introduced with a pleasant word of greeting.

Under Alberta we read and he quotes:—

"The Grand Chapter of Alberta is one of the most stable of the Grand Jurisdictions of the Dominion, though it seems to be bothered considerably with the apathy from which many other Grand Jurisdictions are not exempt.

"I now return with much thankfulness with the young and promising vessel safely piloted to port, awaiting your verdict after reporting my activities on the high seas of the hearts and minds of the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

"He recommended the abolition of the archaic and unnecessary 'light of the moon' schedule for meetings."

This from Arizona:—

"We greet the 1,305 Companions of Arizona as cordially as we greet the tens of thousands in each of several other Grand Jurisdictions.

"But who shall say that they are not drawn more closely together by reason of these very conditions? Certainly there is no repining or complaining of any sort in the vigorous grand Convocation held last year."

And this from Arkansas:—

"The overshadowing magnitude of Arkansas and Little Rock in Scottish Rite history does not in the least shrink Capitular activity and significance in the state. Besides, there is Fay Hempstead, Masonic poet laureate."

British Columbia is thus reviewed:—

"We have a particularly friendly feeling for the Grand Jurisdictions across the northern line, so-called."

We cannot do better than to reproduce the following from his review of Canada:—

"It was a great pleasure to meet vicariously with the Companions of Canada through the medium of the very full and interesting Proceedings of the Grand Chapter held at Toronto.

"The difference in Capitular nomenclature adds zest, a certain picturesqueness and no small measure of piquancy at times to the various designations, which fall strangely upon ears attuned to the American designations.

"But 'what's in a name?' when it comes to anything Masonic? What difference does it make if Grand High Priests are Grand Z's or Grand First Principals; if District Deputy Grand High Priests are Grand Superintendents; if High Priests are First Principals; iff affiliations are called joinings; if reinstatements are called restorations, etc.?

"On both sides of the line, which has stood without fort, guard, or need of fort or guard, for more than a century, they all refer to Royal Arch Masons and we greet them in the name of Capitularism with all fraternity."

He says that M. Ex. Comp. Davis struck a responsive chord as to physical disability not being a ban to Masonic advancement:—

"This recalls vividly to our recollection numerous remarks along the same line by our late beloved Comp. W. F. Kuhn, who often observed that he preferred wooden legs to wooden heads."

He speaks of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry as a very timely and appropriate one and quotes from it.

He kindly speaks of our Review as follows:—

“Crammed full of exhaustive reviews of Grand Chapter Proceedings. No financial compensation which even the largest Grand Chapters could afford to pay would compensate for the toil involved in such a report, with which few Fraternal Correspondents will attempt to compete.”

This is the comprehensive way in which he introduced the District of Columbia:—

“The Royal Arch Masons of the District reflect this quality of diversified origin quite as noticeably as those of any other branch of the Craft. Yet there is nothing to indicate that they are not a homogeneous and effectively fused body of Masons, as indeed is to be expected in any branch of the Fraternity. No matter whence they come, they blend in the great melting pot of Masonry when they ‘arrive.’”

From Georgia we take this jewel:—

“A distinguished Companion, presenting the Past Grand High Priests, offered them as the ‘jewels’ of the Grand Chapter—‘movable,’ because they are not fixed in official station beyond one year, but ‘immoveable’ in their place in the hearts of their Companions. He gave an edifying variant on the story of Cornelia, the Roman matron who, asked by some begemmed visitors to show her jewels, presented her two children as such.”

He gives Manitoba an interesting report:—

“The Grand Chapter of Manitoba, though it held only its Third Grand Convocation last year, is one of the ‘livest’ groups of Chapters in the Dominion.”

As to this ruling:—

“Right of visitation obtains if the preliminary degrees are communicated to him by the Chapter he visits.

“Not being familiar with the intricacies of this problem, which we probably have not stated correctly, we fall back on the subterfuge mentioned by Gratiano and hope ‘to be reputed wise for saying nothing.’”

Under New South Wales he says:—

“The foreign Grand Chapters seem to have a wealth of detail in their activities, though they stress the sociability features of their visitations; or rather, the conditions under which they labour make these hospitable functions perhaps even more outstanding than in the United States.”

Victoria's and England's "antient" gives him this opportunity of original comment:—

"The piquant orthography which obtains in foreign records is reflected in the statement that the Supreme Grand Chapter was opened in ample, 'antient' and solemn form, harking back to the time when documents were 'fyled'—all of which is mentioned by way of minutiae and not at all by way of facetiousness, certainly not of ridicule."

Virginia will now be prouder than ever:—

"The Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Old Dominion, in whose sacred soil rest the remains of America's greatest man and greatest Mason, and which has given to the nation and the world the richest legacy of Masonic history and service, maintains the finest Masonic traditions of its illustrious ancestry."

MONTANA.

Harlon L. Hart, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The handsome and bright features of the Grand High Priest adorn the Proceedings as a frontispiece, and of him his biographer says:—

"In 1907 the subtle lure of our 'Land of Shining Mountains' claimed him and he purchased a farm near Hamilton, in the beautiful and fruitful Bitter Root Valley of Montana.

"He possesses a magnificent physique, large and strong, a handsome countenance and a magnetic presence. He could not be passed without notice, his fine appearance and pleasing personality are bound to attract attention. He makes and holds friends easily."

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation was held at Livingston, 13th July, 1926. The 1927 meeting was fixed for Melita Island in Flathead Lake—Melita a name full of significance to the Craft.

From the annual address of the Grand High Priest we cannot resist making a larger choice of thoughts than usual. They are worthy:—

"This Convocation is, in a way, an innovation and should prove to be an inspiration for greater and better deeds at our hands. This is the first time in Montana Masonic History, when the York Rite Bodies have met together and it is also the first annual convention of any of these bodies of Masonry, to be held in the beautiful city of Livingston, the natural gateway to the most beautiful and interesting playground created by the Wise Author of Nature. These facts alone should inspire us.

"Many of you are mingling with us for the first time and we earnestly hope that you will not hesitate to take an active part in our deliberations, for this is your meeting.

"The whole world seems to be in turmoil and our own beloved country is not exempt. Have we, as Masons and as individuals, bound by the most sacred obligations, done all that we could do to curb or suppress the crying evils of the day, selfishness, graft, avarice and disloyalty, which run rampant in the wild race for gain and power. Law seems to be defied at every turn of the road until the very foundation of our civil government appears threatened.

"Only a short time ago instructions were issued from a certain country that the red flag of Bolshevism must fly from the pole on our Capitol at Washington instead of our beloved Stars and Stripes and the damnable principles and doctrines of anarchy replace constitutional law and government.

"Just within the past month you have seen a livid example that must set you to thinking. For shame that our administration buildings, erected with public funds, should be thrown open to a presumptuous power; our chief executives down on their knees kissing the hands of invading foreigners representing no flag on earth.

"I urge you, Companions, to be alert. Consider well and often the vows you have assumed. Observe the inclination toward concentrated power and guard accordingly. We must not be idle.

Grand Chapter besides subscribing largely defrays the expense of the Christmas dinner at the Masonic Home.

He visited many Chapters with assiduity and boundless energy.

Of the State of the Craft he says:—

"When an officer shows no inclination to commit his part or take interest in the diffusing of the beautiful precepts and lessons of Capitular Masonry, I urge you to drop him from the official line and not move him upward. He will be but a drag on your Chapter and the good that we strive to do. It has been said that 'the secret of success is service.'

"I am thoroughly convinced that in the great majority of cases it is not a lack of interest in the Capitular degrees, but rather carelessness in governing the Chapter. It is ridiculous to say that our Companions failed to pay their dues on account of lack of funds, for although strange to say, the majority suspended for non-payment of dues are amply able to pay, I believe it is safe to say that a penny a day will more than cover dues in any Chapter in the Jurisdiction. I am convinced that in many Chapters it is the fault of the Secretary."

His conclusion is graceful and unusual:—

"While I have been receiving, I have been endeavouring to give also. If I have been successful in the latter only in a very small proportion to what I have received, I feel that my efforts have not been entirely in vain. My heart has been in the work continually, even if my head and body have not kept up with it.

"In conclusion I quote from my friend and companion of years ago, who is also a Companion Royal Arch Mason, DOUGLAS MALLOCH:—

"We walk the path the great have trod,
The great in heart, the great in mind,
Who look through Masonry to God,
And looked through God to all mankind,
Found more than word or sign or grip,
Found man's and God's relationship."

\$5,000 was transferred to the Trustees of the Masonic Home in Government bonds and \$5,000 set aside for the Educational Fund, which is an admirable feature now of so many Grand Chapters.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests were honoured in the Grand East.

Canada was represented by Comp. Joseph J. Hindson, and we are glad to note that some at least, though few, of the Grand Representatives of Canada do attend to the Roll Call.

The response by M. Ex. Comp. Hepner representing California, was happy in its musical allegory:—

"Right Excellent Companion and Companions of Montana, an orchestra of forty-nine pieces is playing. The violin and the viola, the cornet and the flute, and the drum and all the other instruments are played on, and they produce perfect music, all tuned so as to meet the approval of those who listen. All the Jurisdictions we represent are attuned and in accord with the part that you play in this great orchestra of the work."

In the welcome to the heads of Masonic Grand Bodies a strange coincidence in nomenclature is noted for one of them was presented by R. Ex. Comp. Rowland, Immediate Past Grand Master, there as in Canada.

Expenses are to be curtailed and held to the minimum.

The Hon. L. L. Callaway, Chief Justice Supreme Court of Montana, delivered a wonderful address (reproduced in several pages), extemporaneously on Vigilante Days and Ways. He ably took the place at the last moment of the Secretary of the St. Lawrence Great Lakes Waterways Commission and as to that subject Chief Justice Callaway says in words that will have our full approval:—

"Mr. Craig wasn't able to come here. That project of the deep waterway from Duluth to the ocean will solve a great many of our transportation problems. It will remove from us a practical advantage which the port of New York has over this western

country. It will bring the Atlantic ocean one-third nearer to the Northwest than it is now. You know how vital transportation is to us in this mountain region, and I can assure you that the project that this man was to tell you about is the greatest single project that now affects the prosperity of this northwestern country."

In his vivid description of the early romantic times in Montana he incidentally says:—

"It became necessary for the miners, the ordinary men that we know in everyday life, to establish something that corresponded to courts, and so the miners' courts were established. The Anglo-Saxon—and I don't mean that to be taken in a narrow sense, but the person who grows up in Anglo-Saxon civilization—is naturally orderly and insists upon the maintenance of law and order. He wants his justice secure and he desires to settle his disputes through the process of mediation and judicial process, and so these miners' courts became established. And then it became necessary to elect a sheriff."

The romance of the events that lead up to the first jury trial with 24 jurymen sitting and 23 bringing in a verdict of guilty, the prisoner being executed in one hour after the trial, is as full of interest as any literature on the subject that we have read.

He thus concludes:—

"They said that the Vigilantes weren't able to take care of the civil work, but that there wasn't anybody that was better prepared to take care of the criminal work. There is food for thought in this at the present time. I tell you we don't hang enough men in these days.

"If we had in Montana to-day the spirit of the old Vigilantes, if we thought as much of our institutions as did the old heroes of Alder Gulch, if we administered the law in their spirit, tempered somewhat with the mildness and judgment of this age, we would all be better and safer citizens."

Under Necrology we find these beautiful verses:—

"Guarding rock and brooding sky,
Hill whereon the red kine lie,
Welcome to earth's vernal breast
Him who cometh here to rest.

"Songs of northward winging birds
Be this hour's most fitting words;
Mounting sun and spreading light,
Symbol thou his spirit's flight.

"Earth, sweet mother of our race,
In thy warm heart make his place;
He who trod thy starry way
Cometh home at close of day."

Membership, 4,843. Net loss, 14.

R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary of our Grand Lodge, represents Montana near Canada.

The Correspondence Review is reported by M. Ex. Comp. H. S. Hepner, who notes many points of interest under the various Jurisdictions.

We find under Alabama and British Columbia:—

"Another note of interest is the increasing tendency to foster in every way the education of the young in state-maintained and controlled schools, and the insistence that each child have equality of opportunity in matters educational and civic.

"No man can study Freemasonry and not be broadened and elevated, and no Freemason can be too well informed."

Under Canada the presence of Comp. Logan is noted and the report of Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith, is summarized. The Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry by Comp. Gardiner, is as usual, received with approval.

He pays this Reviewer the compliment of reproducing a whole page of the introduction to our Report and kindly says "his reviews are thorough and his comments are timely."

Of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of England he says:—

"At the present time the Grand Lodge of England names fifteen cases where the Grand Master has power to issue a dispensation. In all other cases he is powerless to set aside the law.

"The Grand Master, when a Royal Arch Mason, is ex-officio Grand First Principal and as such has the same powers as when acting as Grand Master, therefore the same law regarding dispensations prevails in the Grand Chapter.

"The Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland is limited in the same way."

Pennsylvania suggests to him this thoughtful and searching question:—

"It is worth noting that there is an undercurrent of unrest abroad in the land.

"Will the demand for 'mass action' along some one or more definite uplift lines replace the old work of Masonry? Must we resort to the spectacular to attract the crowd, thereby gaining

numbers whom the Grand Bodies can assess a dollar or more apiece per year in order to raise funds to carry out this or that humanitarian programme? Or shall we as Royal Arch Masons be content to complete the Masonic education of the Master Mason, to unfold to him the beauties of that which was dimly hinted in the Symbolic Lodge?"

He says in his *finis* that the Royal Craft is rapidly being restored to its pristine glory and beauty, and adds:—

"We found an intense desire on the part of the Companions to advance the cause of education in the providing of Students' Loan Funds and liberal disbursements by the almoners to needy and worthy young men and women seeking to attain higher educational advantages.

"We rejoiced at the helping hands extended by the Grand Chapters in the maintenance of Homes and Asylums for the aged and helpless members of the Craft, and found no tone of envy or jealousy in the fact that these institutions were maintained under the direct auspices of the mother of Masonry—the Blue Lodge.

"All these go a great way in dispelling the fog which has been hanging over us in the notion that the Chapter is but a stepping-stone to the Commandery."

NEBRASKA.

Harry D. Cone, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation was held in Omaha, December 8th, 1926.

From the invocational prayer of Grand Chaplain Kuhns we take this petition:—

"Grant unto us and all Chapters and Companions of this Grand Royal Arch Jurisdiction the elevating power of Thy sovereign love to keep them ever in their best estate. Neither by compulsion, nor by force drive our Companions into the sphere of the higher life; but, great Builder of the Temple, draw them tenderly, gently, even subtly as the silent unseen forces of the Sun attract the flowers of the garden in its direction; as buds upon the trees that come out they know not why. So draw them, Jehovah, until the life Thou wouldst have them live."

M. Ex. Comp. Thomas in delivering his address of welcome to Grand Chapter, said:—

"She has been compared to the gulf stream; the wandering summer of the sea. She knows no sections and is not barred by Mason and Dixon line; but wandering through all lands, she bathes all hearts in her life-giving waters.

"One of the sweetest thoughts of Heaven, to me, is that there, free from restrictions of our environments—we will meet and love thousands we would have loved if we had met them here."

The Roll of Deceased Grand High Priests is always read in Nebraska and the memorial prayer closed with these words "thus prove earth's kinships all divine."

The Grand High Priest's address is a businesslike document. His work is thus summed up:—

"My work during the past year has been a most welcome task, so filled with pleasures and joys that only Service and God's Blessing can give."

He visited Iowa; he directed that \$1,250 be paid to the Nebraska Masonic Home to aid in the building of the Infirmary.

Membership, 8,383. Net gain, 61.

Grand Lecturer Savage ends an interesting Report in the following words:—

"Happiness comes from striving, doing, loving, achieving and conquering. The Craft gives its admiration not to those who do what nobody else attempts, but to those who do *best* what others do *well*."

Past High Priest Rev. R. M. Fagan delivered a partly humorous and partly very serious and earnest address from which we make the following extracts:—

"You will not be like that good wife who startled her husband one morning by asking, 'Was there a big crowd on the car as you came home last night?' 'Why, yes, quite a crowd,' said he. 'Well, dear, did you get up and let some poor tired Irish labouring man have your seat?' 'No, dear, I didn't. Why?' 'Oh, you were so restless this morning and talked a little in your sleep and said, 'That's all right, boys, I'll stand Pat.'"

"The first step, in that long climb, came in the recognition of that mutual dependence, obligation and joy which we call brotherhood.

"It was not till man stopped feeling that the hand of every man was against him, and his hand against every man, that the first social group was possible.

"In the simple dignity of our ritual we were initiated into the great truth of the necessity of faith in the great author of our being and a loving regard for the needs of our fellow men.

"So men learned the joy of service and of worship.

"It was not till he laid stone on stone for a wall; it was not till man thatched a roof that humanity first started up the ladder that led from savagery to civilization.

"Architecture made possible that first village just as truly as architecture has made possible this fair city.

"From his crude tally sticks he evolved the science of numbers. He sought to perfect his means of interchange of ideas, and grammar and rhetoric came into being. He looked aloft and his mind leaped out to the mystery of the heavens.

"We are still on that ladder. Still the unknown offers its mighty challenge to the mind of man, and the end is not yet.

"What wonder that the first word then uttered was a phrase no longer of horror but of wonderful astonishment, 'What? the Builder!'

"If I am to address you, I must know your name and just so if we are to approach the great Creator we must have a name with which to address Him.

"So the soul in exile longs for communion with the great Father. Where and how can the name be found? Not in the splendor of wonderful ritual.

"If you would be good men and true
God will come down and walk with you
In the furrow behind the plow
And by the side of the oxen."

"Those who labour, alone receive."

No less than 14 Past Grand High Priests responded to duty's and honour's call at the altar.

There are 55 small children in the Nebraska Masonic Home, all well and happy.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead use this expression "Memory is the picture gallery of life."

Clemens A. Spellman represents Canada near Nebraska, and M. Ex. Comp. Richard H. Spencer, P.G.Z., represents Nebraska.

George N. R. Browne is for the first time Foreign Correspondent and he bespeaks our kindly forbearance with him in his maiden effort. We welcome to the Round Table this modest beginner, who himself welcomes the office to which he has been appointed:—

"For the opportunities it presents, not only to enrich our own mentality, but because it offers an opportunity for Masonic service to the Craft in trying to present to them our ideas of the important doings, sayings, hopes, and ambitions of the Royal Craft everywhere."

Of educational philanthropy he says:—

"His recommendation was to establish a High School Scholarship Loan Fund. A good move in the right direction, for we are agreed that a high school education is as good an asset as one can give to any boy or girl."

Under California he gives this information:—

"Five 'outdoor' meetings are reported and the Grand High Priest strongly recommends their continuance under proper conditions. They can at least create interest."

He contrasts Kansas with Nebraska as follows:—

“Nebraska does not follow the practice of Kansas in having all representatives re-appointed each triennium, but we do approve of action being taken toward the revoking appointments where the representative does not attend any longer. Your criticism has given impetus to a thought which has lingered in our mind some time.”

Under South Carolina we read:—

“As free moral agents it is wholly within our own discretion to make of our lives either stepping stones or stumbling blocks. Let us each so live that our lives may be shining lights, leading those who come after to higher and better things. A whole sermon.”

And he closes Washington and his Review with the following pregnant sentences:—

“The greatest asset a man has in this life is his character.”
 “The building of character is taught in every degree of Masonry.”
 “Take from us the Holy Bible and in less than a generation the world would become barbaric. Take from us our public schools and in less than a decade civilization would fail. Every church with its spire pointing toward heaven stands as a sentinel for enlightenment. Every little brick schoolhouse at the crossroads stands as a beacon light for civilization.”

Canada, we regret to say, is not reviewed.

NEVADA.

Adams F. Brown, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Forty-fourth Convocation convened in Reno, 7th June, 1927.

The Grand Lecturer of California was welcomed. Then followed the Flag ceremony reported as follows:—

“Past Grand High Priest Percy presented the Stars and Stripes at the altar. The national flag salute was given the Companions, and the flag then placed in the East.”

Canada's Grand Representative did not respond to the Roll Call of the Diplomatic Corps.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests testified their loyalty to the Royal Craft by their presence.

In his address the Grand High Priest pays tribute to those who had passed away during the year:—

“Dear friends, he is but gone a few short steps ahead,
 Around the bend, along the highway to the goal
 Where now, in all fulfillment, is the victor's crown.
 Dead! No, no. To-day is but the birthday of the soul.”

He announced that Frank D. King had been appointed Grand Secretary for the unexpired term of the much mourned Comp. Vanderleith, deceased.

Nevada contributed to the southern floods and their last report from the Masonic Relief Board showed that up to that date nearly \$227,000 had been subscribed by members of the Craft.

Under the Condition of the Rite he says:—

“I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common clod,
To a purer air and a broader view.”

“Moral architects as we are let us build for eternity.”

Number of Royal Arch Masons in the United States 923,750. Membership in Nevada 659, showing a net gain of 4.

As the surplus is being reduced the expenses of Grand Chapter had to be curtailed and the Correspondence Report is cut off for the coming year. This strikes us as a retrograde step and not true economy.

Grand Orator Miles delivered an interesting address on the subject of “Is the past a bucket of ashes”? It is interesting but his object appears to be a breaking down of nearly all the ideals that associate themselves with King Solomon, of whom the half has not yet been told.

He introduced a new feature in connection with Greek heroism which we do not usually find associated with Masonry. He admits that there was some good in the old timers and says:—

“A modern poet says that the past is a ‘bucket of ashes!’ It is open to doubt whether that is the fact. Are memories of Marathon, the Argonne of no value? I grant that the study of history is of no avail, unless lessons can be drawn therefrom that will be of help in solving the problems of the present. If, however, scanning the past will inspire us with enthusiasm to carry on, and advance the great cause of betterment of humanity, then in my opinion, the time devoted to an analysis of the great deeds of bygone days will not have been spent in vain.”

Nevada, as usual, pays great respect to the Companions Beloved:—

“Who in the past year have heard the call to pass within the veil elsewhere are writ their names on the records of this Con-

vocation, but more deeply on the tablet of the living hearts of those who remember."

A fine engraving of the late Grand Secretary Vanderlieth and a touching biography covers several pages honoured thereby:—

"On the 18th day of December, 1926, that sturdy and noble V.W. Grand Secretary Edward D. Vanderlieth answered his final roll call, and passed on, leaving a record of a work well done."

"Until, made beautiful by love divine,
Thou in the likeness of thy Lord shall shine,
And He shall bring that golden crown of thine,
Good-night.

"Only 'Good-night' beloved, not 'Farewell';
A little while and all His saints shall dwell,
In hallowed union, indivisible,
Good-night."

Then follow pages devoted to those who have "Entered into the Ever Morning Land."

John F. Marr represents Nevada with us.

The Correspondence Review is by Frank D. King, Grand Secretary, who explains his rush in these words:—

"The Secretaryship has been rushed upon me, and I have to admit that in order to get out the Correspondence Report for 1927, I had to clip, cut, carve, and in fact ingrave, borrow, steal and connive to get out this report and only had to stop when my shears became radically dull and hot."

He manages, however, to give a most original Review. Under Alabama he approves:—

"We have as a striking illustration of the responsive chord in the hearts of the Masons of Alabama, the wonderful Masonic Home. This is a material evidence of the broad stream of sweet charity that flows out from them to their old Brethren, the widows and the orphans who are our welcome wards."

He suggests a remedy for Marks not made:—

"It appears that many of our Chapters experience considerable trouble in securing the proper registration of Marks. As a remedy to this I recommend the following: That there be inserted in the Ritual on page —, following line —, the following question and answer: "Brethren, have each of you registered your Mark in the Lodge Book of Marks" and require an affirmative answer before the work proceeds further."

California gives him a chance to show his mettle thus:—

"He wrote to every High Priest and asked him many questions about his activities; here are two of them: Had he 'made it an object for Blue Lodge Masons to join by having a reasonable amount of social activities?' Had he 'secured the co-operation of our ladies?'"

"He had refused a dispensation for two blind men to join a Chapter, but one can easily imagine blind men making better Masons than any who would come in simply for social purposes. A Royal Arch Chapter is not a trap to catch suckers and it doesn't have to be baited. Perhaps 'our ladies' are to be armed with Chapter petitions concealed in their vanity bags, so that when they meet a man, they may claw their scalp a few times as they do every five minutes in public, and then present a petition for the degrees, assuring him that this Chapter has more dances than any Chapter in the city."

Under Canada he speaks of the nomination of Comp. J. Arthur Jensen to represent us in Nevada. Of our Grand Z.'s reference to physical disability he says:—

"Under diispendations we find the following which concides entirely with our own personal views, and, we are persuaded with those of a large number of Masons."

He appreciates highly the report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry. We blush with pleasure as we read his opinion of our Review as "the best Report which it has been the good fortune of the writer to have seen," and adds:—

"Without disparagement to others we believe it is the best report that comes to this desk. He is a fluent writer. Canada should be proud of him, as we doubt not she is."

Georgia gives him this opportunity:—

"These two quotations give you his viewpoint; he is writing from the battlefield; he is in the midst of work; he is doing his part. It is a pleasure to read from a Grand High Priest who is one of the 'men behind the guns,' provided he is not a thousand miles behind the guns."

Of the much discussed merits of Secretaries he says under Iowa:—

"We have said elsewhere, and still think that it is the Secretary who is responsible for this condition. We know from a report elsewhere in these Proceedings that many of the Secretaries are poorly paid and some are not paid at all. Why not pay the Secretaries a fair salary for the work they do, and hold them strictly to account? Let the travelling auditor check them up, and have power to suspend them from office if the work is not properly performed."

Of the death of M. Ex. Comp. Hedges, Jr., Grand Secretary of Montana, he speaks thus feelingly:—

“The very reading of the cold type review of his life gives a glow of warmth as to his worth. There is such a difference between being a mere member of the Craft and that of being a true Mason in heart and life. Montana Masonry is rich in the memory of such good men.”

Ohio gives him ample scope:—

“It is true that while Nevada is the second largest state in acre size in the United States, still we only have a population of seventy thousand people, including all the Indians, and the Indians not being admitted into membership in the Masonic Lodges of this state we will have to eliminate them, so that cuts down our population as to who are eligible to Masonry in this state. The Chapters in this state are made up out of the very best men, the harmony in our Chapters is the true brotherly kind, and Chapters are more particular as to just who they admit to membership. While our field is small we have always managed to keep our membership up to a proper level.

“The cause in this Jurisdiction for our Chapters only holding their own is from the fact that some years ago the Scottish Rite Masonry was introduced in Nevada, and a Mason can go from the Third Degree to the Thirty-second Degree, without belonging to the Chapter, but after taking the Thirty-second Degree, quite a number return and take the Chapter degrees and join the Commandery.”

Of course Virginia and Comp. Eggleston stimulate him to activity and he finds this outlet:—

“He says it is not illegal in Virginia, ‘because no General Grand dictates to use what is illegal.’ Some people seem to have an obsession about the General Grand, and ring it in on every occasion, whether applicable or not. We do not know the position of the General Grand on this subject, nor do we care particularly what its position is, except that it is likely to be right. The General Grand does not shape our actions; we are not dependent upon the General Grand; the General Grand does not interfere the least iota with our internal management, our ritual, our anything-else, but you can’t make the obstinate fellows in some Grand Jurisdictions understand and believe this, for they do not want to believe it; it would upset some of their pet notions if they came to understand it rightly; hence, they shut their eyes, go it blindly, and continue to affirm that the General Grand RULES all the Grand Chapters that give it homage, allegiance, or whatever you call the coalition that makes the General Grand possible. Really, all that it is may be summed up in the word Advisory, where certain Grand Chapters meet triennially to advise with one another, confer on matters of common interest, and devise ways and means to better advance the cause of Capitular Masonry in the

world. But Virginia, and Texas, and Pennsylvania, etc., imagine they are bettering things by remaining aloof, outside the pale of common amity, lest they be called upon to surrender something. So be it."

And he concludes Wyoming with this verse:—

"For the longer I live, and the more I see,
Of the struggle of souls to the heights above,
The stronger this truth comes home to me,
That the universe rests on the shoulders of love,
A love so limitless, deep and broad,
That men have renamed it and called it God.'"

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Henry L. Sanderson, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Eighth Annual Convocation was held in Concord, May 17th, 1927, eight Past Grand High Priests lending dignity to the Grand East. Canada's Grand Representative was not present. We do not believe that one-third of Canada's Representatives throughout the United States respond to roll call. The roll needs revision. Many distinguished visitors were welcomed from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New York, the Grand Master of New Hampshire, and Henry DeWitt Hamilton.

New Hampshire's hospitality is abundant.

The Grand High Priest in his address says that the affairs of Grand Chapter have been administered without any perceptible friction and that harmony and peace prevail.

Among the Obituaries is that of Henry Dwight Chandler who entertained this Reviewer at Concord delightfully.

To the In Memoriam tributes the Grand High Priest adds this verse:—

"A few who have watched me sail away
Will miss my craft from the busy bay;
Some kindly barks that were anchored near,
Some loving souls that my heart holds dear
In silent sorrow will drop a tear,
But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
In moorings sheltered from storm or gale,
And greeted friends who have sailed before
O'er the Unknown Sea to the Unknown Shore."

The Grand High Priest with us, visited Philadelphia and heard a wonderful address from Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D.D.

He also gives glowing accounts of visits to Boston, Providence, Portsmouth and Alexandria, Virginia.

New Hampshire claims with pride that it furnishes the stone with which the great Washington structure is composed.

The office of Grand Secretary Harry M. Cheney is reported as being newly furnished throughout.

We are pleased to note the activities of Olin H. Chase, Grand Scribe, whom we met at Montreal.

Membership, 5,875. Loss, 20.

James Littlefield was installed as Grand High Priest.

Canada's Grand Representative is Arthur M. Dunstan, of Tilton, and New Hampshire is represented near us by M. Ex. Walter H. Davis, P.G.Z.

Charles B. Spofford gives his eighth Review. From his introduction we quote:—

“A Moment's Halt, a momentary taste,

Of Being from the Well, amid the waste;

And Lo! the phantom Caravan has reached'

The Nothing it set out from—Oh, make haste.”

Under Arkansas we read:—

“Arkansas is one of the three Grand Jurisdictions which has not followed the custom of presenting its Past Grand High Priests with a jewel. He recommended the custom be adopted. They have twenty-two living, so he suggested a similar jewel be given each year to the oldest in point of service, and continue until all had been provided with them. The committee went him one better and recommended two be given each year, so that death only will prevent being crowned with the badge of a “Has Been.”

He reviews Canada, quoting the appointment of Arthur M. Dunstan and noting our distinguished visitors. He also touches on our statistical progress and the Superintendent's Reports. He notes our handsome balance and the \$2,700 expended for relief. He refers kindly to our Correspondence Report.

Under Connecticut we read of the adoption of our suggestion:—

“Kies for the eighteenth time, gives his annual. It is arranged alphabetically to include the foreign Jurisdictions, as he says ‘to throw them all together into one melting pot.’ This innovation

in his reviews he attributes to the suggestion of Companion Ponton, of Canada."

England receives a partly critical review which however we quote because it may interest our readers to see ourselves as others see us:—

"Quarterly Convocations are held by the Supreme Council in London. They are interesting principally to an American reader for the Honorary titles which precede, and sometimes follow, the officials who preside or hold office—usually of hereditary or other right of occupancy.

"The Duke is also Grand Master of the United Fraternity. As we read them all, it seems to us he must be weary with his multiplicity of duties.

"An address by M.E. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill on the Royal Arch degree as the keystone of the edifice of English Masonry is given. The union of the two Grand Lodges of England, that is to say, the Ancients and Moderns was brought about in 1813 by recognition of the Royal Arch by both."

We would point out however to our esteemed Reviewer that "while the rank is but the Guinea's stamp, the man's the man for a' that," that hearts good and true, beat in Mayfair as in Seven Dials.

Florida gives him this opportunity for comment:—

"He also approves our views regarding the Order of High Priesthood. We almost wish it was obligatory to membership in the Grand Chapter, as it is in New York and several other states. It may not be generally known that New Hampshire was second only by a few weeks, in having been organized, Maryland having preceded us by only a few weeks, and that by a coincidence that the founders were in that vicinity."

He quotes with approval Maine's decision:—

"We recommend no Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction be allowed to give its support, as such, to any society, order or organization, whatever its aims, purposes or conditions for eligibility."

Speaking of Foss and "The House by the Side of the Road" we find this interesting information:—

"The author was a native of Candia, N.H., and recently a tablet has been placed to his memory in the locality which inspired the almost universally quoted poem."

Comp. Repath's summary of reviewing generally is quoted in many reports:—

"He, like many others, states that it is prepared for home consumption, and hopes the Companions will read it, so that they may be advised of the customs and practices in vogue throughout the world in comparison with their own."

NEW JERSEY.

Marion H. Hall, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation convened at Trenton, May 11th, 1927, prayer being offered by Grand Chaplain Fitzgerald.

Seventeen Past Grand High Priests testified their loyalty to duty and were honoured in the Grand East.

Canada was represented by R. Ex. Comp. Godfrey Pittis, who never misses.

M. Ex. Comp. A. B. J. Moore, of Quebec, was welcomed as one who has come to see "how we do things across the line."

Henry DeWitt Hamilton, in his reply, said:—

"I want to compliment the Grand Chapter of New Jersey this morning upon having developed in so broad a degree the gift of hospitality. I know not now how many years ago it was that I made my first visit here, but I saw here in the Grand Chapter, just previous to the customary adjournment for the mid-day meal, a custom, which had been established, when I know not or for how long, of passing the loving cup."

In his introduction the Grand High Priest says:—

"I am pleased to report that the Craft of New Jersey have held up the standards of education, of friendship, of charity and all that is best in promoting good citizenship.

"May the story of the success of the past year be a fine incentive to better work in the year to come, may our failures spur us on to stronger effort for the future, and when we go from this Convocation to our various homes, may it be with a high resolve."

He speaks of his visit to our Grand Chapter on February 22nd. Of his District Deputies he says:—

"Without a corps of efficient District Deputies a proper dissemination of the ritual would be well nigh impossible. The splendid service rendered by these faithful workers is reflected in the high standard of excellence attained."

One of his decisions is of interest:—

"Would it be possible for a Companion holding life membership in a Chapter in Scotland, to become a member of Lafayette Chapter without withdrawing his life membership in Scotland and without creating a dual membership?"

"To which I replied as follows: 'Dual membership, such as suggested, is not permissible in this Jurisdiction, that is, a Companion cannot hold membership in two or more Chapters at one and the same time.'

Our Canadian comment would be—why limit a man's companionship and fellowship. Let him belong to as many Chapters as will welcome him.

As to the Ritual he says along the line of other Grand Jurisdictions we are moving to shorten the ceremonies:—

"I recommend that the Ritual Committee be instructed by this Grand Chapter to shorten the work of the Royal Arch Degree, and also any other parts of the work in their discretion, and when approved by the Grand High Priest, the same shall take effect immediately."

As to perpetual Jurisdiction he begs to differ and says:—

"I am also of the opinion that the Chapters of this State are free to receive the petition of any brother who is, at the time of his making application, a bona fide resident of this State; and if, after due investigation, he be found worthy, they may proceed to elect and confer upon him the Capitular Degrees, notwithstanding such brother, previous to his acquiring a residence in New Jersey, may have been rejected in a sister Jurisdiction.

"New Jersey should be the sole judge of the fitness of the Masonic material of the bona fide residents of this State."

Membership, 20,233. Net gain, 302.

From the Necrology Report by Godfrey Pittis, worthy of the man, we take this old favourite:—

"Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days!
None knew thee but to love thee;
None named thee but to praise."

The Grand Master made one of those magnificent outstanding addresses which have a lustre all their own. Among other thoughts he expressed these combining humour with pathos:—

"I heard a story the other day, about a fellow who wanted some life insurance and had signed the application. One of the questions became very embarrassing. He had to answer the question: 'What was the cause of your father's death?' Unfortunately his father had been hanged. The question was naturally more or less embarrassing, so he wrote down, 'My father lost his life at a public function during which a part of the platform gave way on which he was standing.' I am sure if I should attempt to inflict a speech

upon you in the midst of this busy Convocation that I would be a fit subject for execution.

"Carl Schurtz says, 'Ideals are like stars. You will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the mariner upon the vast expanse of water you will choose them as your guide and following them reach your destiny.'

"If we could refer to theological terminology the Master Mason Degree would be represented by the formula, 'He suffered, was dead and buried and rose again from the grave,' and the ceremony of exaltation would be represented by the expression, 'And ascended into Heaven.' The Royal Arch rite portrays the last phase of the human soul in its mystic journey from Babylon, the city of destruction, to Jerusalem, the city of our God passing the vale of sorrow and breaking through the bondage of corruption to a land where the rainbow never fails, where Brethren of the mystic tie and Companions of the Holy Royal Arch may hold eternal communication and Convocation around the great throne of God."

From Comp. Moore's address from Quebec we take the following sentences:—

"He appears very serious and enthusiastic in all he says, and the first question I asked was 'Is he a clergyman?' and the answer was 'No, he is a lawyer.' One of the great disadvantages of coming across that imaginary line which has been referred to—one great disadvantage to us Canadians—is that we haven't got the gift of oratory that you have here. It seems to be bred in your souls. We have liberty of speech; we have liberty—no eighteenth amendment in the Province of Quebec—we have liberty of thought.

"We know no lines in Canada. When you come to think of it in your own souls here, two great English-speaking countries, with a so-called line, three thousand miles from Pacific to Atlantic, and never a word of anger or any use for warfare for the last hundred years. May it still continue. No fortifications."

Here was a story by our old friend Kunzig, of Pennsylvania:—

"The question was asked, 'When did swimming become the national sport in Scotland?' The answer is: 'When they erected toll-bridges.'

"Masonry appeals to men of vision, and asks the same of those who engage in its activities. Holy writ assures us that where there is no vision the people perish. There can be no success based on anything but truth. Our task is to translate it to the members of the Fraternity in such a way as to cause them to also want membership in its ranks, that they too may know."

Hammel, of New York, spoke thus:—

"The Royal Arch must have an objective—knowing that—the Grand Chapter of the Empire State thinks not of the exaltation so

much as it does the teaching of the lesson of service—service to our Companions.

“And in that spirit, my Companions, the spirit of co-operation, I ask you to come and meet with us in February, that the spark may kindle and grow into a flame.”

Delaware's Woodford told this story:—

“Seeing the jurist, he extended both hands and said: ‘How did you enjoy my sermon?’ The judge said: ‘It was wonderful. Like the peace of God is passed all understanding, and like his mercy I was afraid it would endure forever.’”

From the many Memoriam pages we take these two verses:—

“Why will ye call it ‘Death’s dark night;’
Death is the entrance into light:
Behind its cloudy purple gates
The everlasting morning waits.

“O Father, grant them rest and light,
In that Fair Land which knows no night.”

Kenneth J. Dunstan, our Grand Z., represents New Jersey.

This is interesting and may be again repeated:—

“Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their order, Anno Ordinis (A. O.), ‘in the year of the order.’

“Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, Anno Benefacio (A. B.), ‘in the year of the blessing.’”

“Ancient Craft Masons—

“Add 4000 years to the common era.”

“Royal Arch—

“Add 530 years to the vulgar era.”

“Royal and Select Masters—

“Add 1000 years to the common era.”

“Knights Templar—

“From the Christian era take 1118.”

“Order of High Priesthood—

“To the Christian era add 1913, the Year of Blessing.”

Fraternal correspondence is again in the sympathetic hands of R. Ex. Comp. A. Boylan Fitzgerald, who in his introduction says:—

“From many of them we find the thought exists that the ‘War Time Rush’ is over and the Grand Chapters are reporting only slight gains while more than is pleasing report losses.

“There is a general demand on the part of the Companions for a shortening of the degree work as a means of increasing the attendance and interest. There is also a demand for increased

dignity and proficiency in the rendition of the Degrees, which shows an upward tendency in the conception of the work.

"In this trip around the world which is made annually we are enabled to discover many different views. It develops our conception of this great and glorious work. It is apt to dispel any thought that our method is the only one, and to show us frequently a more excellent manner of doing it.

"From this examination we are led to state that we believe Capitular Masonry is anxious to place first things first by causing everything to be secondary to the Moral and Spiritual. Indeed we conclude that even though the Tabernacle was completed yet the living temple of the individual being is still to be finished and that we are each to continue to bring up 'good work, true work and square work' that it may be fastened together by the Key-Stone into one beautiful ensemble of which no one need be ashamed."

We cull this from Alabama:—

"The Alabama Masonic Home has received generously at the hands of the Chapters. Of this we are delighted. How comforting to those who have borne the heat of the day to know that those for whom they have laboured do not forget them."

And this from Alberta:—

"The opening of the Grand Z.'s address is unique and good: 'I steered forth at your behest into the deep and placid waters of Masonic thought and found calm and peaceful seas prevailing; this calmness and harmony has other than the surge and spray—the ebb and tide of general volition.' This picture comes as though one were familiar with the sea. It is delightful."

We regret indeed that Canada did not come under his ken.

England is well reviewed and concludes with this summing up:—

"The result of the Festival was about \$45,000. This is a very fine accomplishment."

Under Massachusetts we find:—

"They meet around our altar in atmosphere of common brotherhood, beneath the smile of Fatherhood omnipotent and divine. To us this is Masonry's chief glory."

North Carolina suggests a new doctrine of relativity:—

When Charters are lifted and several others threatened but allowed to continue through sufferance from an outsider's standpoint we are still inclined to think there is room for improvement unless a real explanation is offered. Of course, a poor condition may be a relatively good condition when compared to a very poor condition."

This from his review of Rhode Island:—

"The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand High Priest and Grand Officers, finds that no recommendations, decisions or suggestions are contained therein to require action by this Grand Chapter.' This is following the even tenor of their way to a nicety. Not a ripple to trouble the tranquility of their position. Occasionally this is a very delightful position to occupy. Let well enough alone sometimes."

NEW MEXICO.

George D. Robinson, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation was held in Las Cruces, February 24th, 1927. Representatives from Texas received a hearty welcome.

Six Past Grand High Priests were faithful in attendance.

We often find in these relatively small Jurisdictions real eloquence in the addresses of Grand High Priests and here is one. He says:—

"The exaltation to this position of executive authority of this Grand Chapter a year ago, has caused me to realize more fully, than any other influence ever allotted to me, the great responsibilities that we owe to one another.

"As we sit here to-day under the shadow of that great masterpiece of the Great Architect of the Universe, which the centuries of time, as they brushed by in continual procession, have only accentuated the marvels of His handiwork. May the imagined strains from that Organ so influence us as we contemplate the activities of the past year, that with one accord we may stress forward to the accomplishment of Fraternal ideals that all may join and know that our one desire is progress.

"Life is full of crises. Death always comes veiled in mystery and draped in sadness. Thus should we daily build the temple of our lives, that should we be called to lay down the working tools, the structure would be worthy of our Companions' tribute."

His suggestion that Grand Representatives be appointed was not approved by the Committee.

New Mexico loses much through lack of touch.

His urgent request that Foreign Correspondence be re-established was approved so we hope next year to meet a colleague from this State.

From his conclusion we take this paragraph:—

"It is true that many of us fail to accomplish all that we set out to do in our varied activities, but if we maintain high aims, exalted purposes, stimulate effort and kindle enthusiasm to the

end that, though the goal may not be reached, greater progress is made than if our aims and purposes were less exalted or our objective easier of attainment."

Membership, 2,107. Net gain, 33.

The Past Grand High Priest of Oklahoma was welcomed and addressed Grand Chapter.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

M. E. Comp. N. W. Montagu, Grand-First Principal Z.

A Quarterly Meeting was held 10th February, 1926, at Sydney.

Canada's Grand Representative was not present at any of the Quarterly Meetings.

The addresses of the First Grand Principal delivered at each meeting record an almost ubiquitous visitation list by himself and his colleagues.

The phrase used for the Banquet Hall (in Scotland called "Harmony") is "*in the South*," for instance, the newly re-installed First Principal delivered a speech to the toast *in the South*.

Complaint is made that Grand Chapter has not been adequately or efficiently accommodated and plans are laid for further buildings.

In the Report of the Grand Inspector of Workings which embraces the whole seventeen Districts, he chronicles a gathering on the 23rd of December of three Chapters, two of which at least have a strong Scottish flavor, to which we are astonished that New South Wales consents! The three are Robert Burns, St. Andrew and Sunny South Chapters.

An interesting parental and filial merger in the fraternal, is thus recorded:—

"One very happy incident on this occasion was the reception of a father and son as candidates, the one having waited until the other could attend so that they might tread the path together."

Quarterly Convocation was held 12th May, 1926. The Grand First Principal records with many other visits, his attendance at the Installation in Victoria where Grand Chapter was encouraged by the Grand Master and the Past Grand Masters being in attendance. He adds:—

"A little help in a like direction in this State would, I feel sure, be much appreciated."

As setting forth the argument of New South Wales in reply to a United States enquiry as to Queensland, the following will summarize their contention:—

"It is universally recognized in Masonic circles, that in any territory unoccupied by a Grand Body claiming sole sovereign rights, the unanimous verdict of three lodges or chapters is sufficient to form a Grand Lodge or Chapter for the local government of the degrees concerned. In the case of Queensland there were five Chapters, and the formation was perfectly regular."

Quarterly Convocation was held 11th August, 1926, at which much work was done.

We note that the head of a constituent Chapter appears to be called while in the chair "Most Excellent" as this extract dealing with a familiar name in Canada shows:—

"Taking into consideration that this was the first meeting after the Installation, the working of the degree was a credit to M. Ex. Comp. Logan and his officers."

Quarterly Convocation was held 12th November, 1926.

We select the following passages from the address of the Grand Z. as of interest:—

"On the following day we were motored to one of the sights in Goulburn, the War Memorial, a wonderful edifice erected on the brow of a very high hill and from which a magnificent view of the surrounding district was obtained.

"A letter from Scotland goes on to say 'that as concerns the concluding part of the extracted statement it may be remarked that this Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter will not be so regardless or neglectful of its duties and responsibilities as to adopt a purely passive attitude in any question in which its members are involved or concerned.'

"To this communication M. Ex. Comp. Montgomerie-Hamilton replied at length and in a most trenchant manner, but time and space will not permit me to reproduce it.

"On behalf of this Grand Chapter I extend to the Supreme Grand R.A. Chapter of New Zealand our sincere sympathy."

The receipts total the very handsome sum of £3,726.

This amendment to the regulations was unanimously passed:—

"No Companion shall be elected to any office in Grand Chapter (except those of Grand Organist and Grand Janitor), unless he be an installed First Principal."

A Special Convocation for installation and other matters was held 30th November, 1926.

Canada is represented by Comp. J. McCreadie and W. H. Tudhope represents New South Wales near Canada.

The Fraternal Correspondence is divided between five Companions and Canada is allocated to Comp. J. A. Faulks. The joint foreword is of interest as showing the Australasian point of view in part:—

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence suggests that N.S.W. Companions would do well to read one or more of these reviews particularly those on the Grand Chapters of the New World where they do things and get things done. The perusal would be a liberal education in Royal Arch Masonry.

"One of the outstanding features of the policy of the S.G.C. of Scotland seems to be, to ignore the denunciations of other Grand Chapters with regard to the setting up of new Scottish Chapters in the Australasian Dominions. The heavy hand of the General Grand Chapter of the U.S.A. descended on the Scottish Companions on account of the Keystone Chapter which was set up by the S.G.C. of Scotland in Phillipine Islands, (American Territory), and for 13 years all Scottish Companions were excluded from visiting all American Chapters. Even though Scotland may continue to view these Oversea Dominions as 'Crown Colonies' the fact remains that the City of Sydney is the second largest white city in the British Empire, and Australia is now regarded as having a voice in determining the foreign policy of the greatest empire the world has ever known.. The S.G.C. of Scotland does not realize that England's children (Crown Colonies) have grown up and become adults and are now self-governing states of international importance as shown by the glorious part taken by their sons in the late world war."

They speak of all Grand Chapters in the United States holding only one meeting per year but this is not quite accurate. For instance Massachusetts and Pennsylvania hold stated meetings throughout each year.

Their analysis shows that nearly three-quarters of the Royal Arch Masons and 49 of the 66 Grand Chapters in the world (as seen by them), are within the borders of the U.S.A.

This from Alberta Review:—

"Non-attendance was vigorously attacked. "There is no excellence without great labour." The Grand High Priest concluded with Rudyard Kipling's warning note:—

"When only the master shall praise us,
And only the master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money,
And no one shall work for fame."

Under California we read of the excellent admonition placed in the hands of candidates six days before each receives the Mark Master's Degree. The Reviewers add this comment:—

"The idea is a good one but would not apply to our Constitution where the Mark Degree is worked under a separate Grand Body."

Comp. Faulks says that he finds in Canada much meat fit for digestion in *all* Chapter Jurisdictions. The address of the Grand Z. of 1926 he says was worthy of the occasion. Service was his watchword. He is struck with the Toronto address of welcome and quotes from it several passages.

Of the District Superintendents he says:—

"These officers have attempted to be 'living examples of diligence and industry to their Companions.' 'These reunions appear to have been profitable and instructional.'"

Of inter-visitation and mixing the mortar which we encourage, we find these comments:—

"Addresses by distinguished visitors from sister Jurisdictions are recorded. Thus the foundations of Masonry are laid in the symbolic degrees, and the Royal Craft completes the superstructure by placing the roof in position, as well as cementing the Keystone into the completed building."

He analyzes our Review and we blush as we read his verdict that this Reviewer appears to him to be "the possessor of a ready judgment, facile pen, and is a keen critic." He quotes Foreword and Afterword and adds:—

"He does not fail to criticize adversely our unbrotherly stand against Scotland. We opine that if Canada received the same kind of treatment from Scotland that is being meted out to N.S.W. that Comp. Ponton would kick against the pricks, and kick vigorously. But we thank our 'Lady of the Snows' for her seven pages of comment on our doings.

"These 300 pages are worth reading. We recommend our Companions who are interested in Capitular Masonry, to secure a copy of Canada's Report for 1926, and peruse the resume of the Grand Chapters of the World."

He commends the appeal of Lord Amthill under England for "a brighter Grand Chapter."

This under Ohio:—

"But in the final analysis it is the sum total of the individual efforts, rightly directed. We are indeed trustees."

As to the well exercised care of Rituals in most of the United States Jurisdictions our colleague Reviewers say:—

“Rituals would appear to be jealously guarded. All are numbered, and it is reported that ‘The retiring Grand Officers having placed their Rituals in the hands of the Grand Secretary, the latter re-issued them to the newly-elected Grand Officers, who subscribed their names therein.’ The Grand Secretary reports, ‘Some Chapters have lost copies (of Rituals), and have been compelled to remit the fine of 10 dollars for each.’”

NEW YORK.

Washington A. Russell, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Trirtieth Convocation convened in the Masonic Temple, Albany, 1st February, 1927.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests, all of whose names are familiar in our mouths as household words, were present as permanent members of Grand Chapter.

Canada was as usual, faithfully represented by Edward F. Rolle.

From the Grand Chaplain’s opening prayer we take this petition:—

“Be with those Companions of this Jurisdiction, and with all everywhere, who are at present in trouble, out of luck and out of heart. Lead them into ‘the secret place of the Most High,’ and *there* may their strength and confidence and joy of heart be re-established.”

The Grand Master was happily introduced by our old friend, M. Ex. J. William Prouse, following a precedent of brevity in the case of the President of the United States:—

“At this moment I am reminded that there stands beside me and before you the First Mason of the State of New York. Whether we gather as the Grand Chapter, or any other Grand Body, we are all proud and glad to yield allegiance to the one outstanding official of Masonry. So, I have prepared an address of presentation which I think will embody everything pertaining to his high office. Most Excellent Grand High Priest, the Grand Master.”

To which the Grand High Priest added:—

“No matter what the Masonic organization or the title of its votaries, in the last analysis we are all Symbolic Masons and Brethren, and as such are not only willing but happy to pay homage to our Chief.

M. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and V. Ex. Comp. John A. Cowan were introduced by Canada's Grand Representative and were thus welcomed by Comp. Russell:—

"You are sometimes termed a foreign Jurisdiction. I do not know why. It certainly does not apply in a Masonic sense. It has been my privilege to attend the Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Canada on many occasions. Whenever I enter your Grand Chapter I see my friends and I receive a most cordial and hearty welcome. Indeed, your hospitality and companionship are known and commented on all over the States. So, instead of feeling we are in a foreign Jurisdiction we feel very much at home. We surely want you to feel the same way here. Your friends are here. Whatever we have is yours. We sincerely hope you will enjoy your stay with us. 'Blest be the tie that binds.'"

A fine array of visitors received Grand Honours and each one an individual welcome.

John A. Cowan representing The St. Patrick Chapter, presented to Comp. Henry DeWitt Hamilton handsomely engrossed resolutions, which in his reply Comp. Hamilton termed "this fine and beautiful act of international and fraternal courtesy."

The Grand High Priest thus began his comprehensive address:—

"From the lips come the formal words 'Welcome, Companions.' From the heart is reiterated in love and sincerity, 'Thrice Welcome, Companion, each and every one.' Whether from the north of our great State or the southern tier, from the metropolitan section or the west, from this or neighboring Jurisdictions, welcome to the family home in Albany."

Under Schools of Instruction he says:—

"The importance of correct ritualistic work and proper ceremonial rendition of it cannot be overestimated. It is vital in the making of Royal Arch Masons."

He refused Dispensations under the following circumstances:—

"Two Chapters during the year requested Dispensations to permit the Drill Corps of a Commandery of Knights Templar to appear at the Chapter Convocation clothed in full Templar uniform and give an exhibition drill.

"When informed that it was necessary for any and all Companions to be clothed as Royal Arch Masons before they could enter a Chapter Convocation, the requests for such Dispensation were withdrawn."

He speaks glowingly of his visit to Canada at Toronto, adding that "the hospitality of our Canadian Brethren is too well known for comment. Truly we were made to feel that the tie of brotherhood knows no geographical lines."

He thus refers to the "Council of Deliberation":—

"Illustrious Jerome L. Cheney, 33°, Active, presiding officer of the Council of Deliberation, Ancient and Acceptor Scottish Rite, invited me to attend the annual meeting at Binghampton, which invitation I accepted.

"This meeting was I believe unusual, in that the four active heads of the York Rite bodies of this State were present and officially received. The cordial and fraternal relations existing between all legitimate Masonic bodies in this great Jurisdiction is something to be fostered and cherished."

In speaking of his reception by the Chapters of Erie County at Buffalo, he notes the presence of this Reviewer (who has many happy memories of the courtesies shown to him), and he thanks the Companions for "their friendship, loyalty and personal sacrifice to make this meeting a success."

Under the heading of "Non-payment of Dues" he puts matters plainly:—

"I am advised by the Grand Secretary that the returns show a more than usual loss on account of non-payment of dues. This is unfortunate because but a small proportion of members who are dropped ever come back into the Order, and if they are members of the Council or Commandery, they are also automatically non-affiliated in those bodies.

"In many instances this neglect to pay is through carelessness rather than intent, and I believe that it is necessary that greater attention should be given to the collection of dues. More personal appeal where possible, and less postage, might better conditions. Remember that retaining a member may be as important as securing a new candidate."

Grand Chapter accepted \$3,000 tendered by the High Priests' Triangle Club for the relief of distressed tubercular Royal Arch Masons and their dependents.

The Grand High Priest mentions that some had resented the metropolitan self-canvassing for this movement and he thus expresses his views in unmistakable terms of the duties of Grand Chapter:—

"Personally, I have believed for some time that the thing lacking in our organization is a practical, philanthropic work, or goal. True, we give to the Brethren 'More Light' and eventually communicate to them the ineffable Masonic secret, trusting that the

lessons promulgated will tend to make good Masons better Masons. This is a great work in itself, but purely individual and ethical in nature, affording no means of concerted outward expression, such as those who best assimilate and apply these teachings desire to manifest, in a practical way, for the benefit of the less fortunate of our members, in sickness and distress.

"The Grand Chapter of New York was incorporated on March 31st, 1818, for the purpose of 'owning a lot of ground and erecting a Masonic Hall.' In one hundred and nine years we have not spread a trowel of mortar or laid a single brick. Obviously as operative Masons we are a total failure. Is it not time that we had another objective, something in the line of our speculative art and teaching to help, aid and assist those of our number who stand in need of and are entitled to receive help; a work in which all Chapters would have a proportionate part according to their membership and means?"

His conclusion should be reprinted in full but space forbids. We have room for the following only:—

"We are neglecting and sacrificing those finer qualities of friendship and companionship which contact alone can produce, and the strength of our institution suffers thereby.

"Our crying need to-day is individual loyalty to Masonic obligations and principles. Masonry is fostered only in and through Masonic meetings. Companion, your Chapter Convocations need you; no one else can take your place. Indifference and carelessness have no place in the makeup of an officer.

"No Chapter can succeed which has not a High Priest who has executive ability and knowledge of the Ritual, nor can a Chapter with a competent High Priest succeed without proper support from the subordinate officers."

Membership, 72,412. Net increase, 836.

The Committee on the High Priest's address pay him this merited tribute:—

"The address of the Grand High Priest reflects a busy year of enthusiastic, thorough attention to the many and varied duties of the office. It indicates not only physical and mental activities for the Craft but a spiritual service for Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction. He has given time, energy and talent to the labour of the year."

Grand Master Richardson spoke briefly but feelingly:—

"The presence of harmony and co-operation is essential to Masonry. It makes it possible for us to work together upon a common trestle-board, if you please; to justify our existence in organized Masonic bodies, to maintain the ever greater need for that spirit? We cannot always have absolute unanimity of thought. I do not think that we should be particularly proud of the fact if we did.

But Freemasonry means harmony in every sense of the word, so let us work together. The time was never so ripe."

The Committee on Jurisprudence proposed the following general regulation which was adopted:—

"No general solicitation of Chapters for donations shall be made unless the same shall have been previously approved by the Grand High Priest. This Regulation shall not be construed to prevent an application for charity in the case of a particular individual."

They also called attention to the important data of time:—

"The Grand High Priest has called attention to a practice in certain Chapters of calling Stated Convocations for an hour in advance of that fixed by the By-laws of the Chapter. This is positively illegal and is a violation of the installation oath taken by such High Priests."

Comp. Buchanan presented the Memorial to the Dead:—

"The continents are being brought wonderfully near together these days. Direct speech is now in vogue across the more than 3,000 miles of the Atlantic, and by-and-bye the air is going to carry us from shore to shore in about as many hours as it has been taking us days. Distance, in fact, will soon be a forgotten factor, and there will be 'no near nor far.' Which thing we are perhaps justified in taking as a parable of conditions in the *spiritual* world; so that we may assume that our dead (as we name them in our rather futile and faithless language) are not so very far away from us; are, at any rate, very much with us in thought and in heart, 'white presences' to protect us and to chasten us and to encourage us, though we see them not."

Mourning the death of M. Ex. C. Wesley Orr, whose welcome to this Reviewer in 1917 is well remembered, the following verse of Edwin Arnold is quoted on the Memorial page:—

"Naught call I now to mind he said or did,
That was not rightly said and justly done.
No idle word he spake, even in free speech
Patient and lordly; generous to bestow
Beyond all givers; scorning to be base."

Comp. Walter R. Marden is again happily responsible for the Foreign Correspondence. He says in his prologue, tracing the origin of Reviews, that the genesis of the Correspondence Report is yet to be written, but he refers to two references in 1826 and 1850 showing it was then more or less definitely recognized as a feature but perhaps

sometimes "for a rather over-developed desire for controversy and criticism." He adds:—

"At present, with few exceptions, the practice seems to be fairly well settled to giving the Companions who are interested some consecutive idea of what is going on in other Grand Chapters, with enough quotations to reveal a few of their hopes and aspirations, if they have any; and most of them have some, even as we do."

Canada is carefully reviewed and he says our Proceedings form a very attractive volume. He is pleased with the reception of the New York Delegation and their introduction by M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt which will never be forgotten. He says the Grand Z.'s report is limited to matters that are not reported on by any other Grand Officer.

He gives a word of praise to Grand Scribe E. for his history of the Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, and adds:—

"An exhaustive history of this Chapter was presented by Right Excellent Henry T. Smith and no doubt Companion Conover, who was one of the Michigan delegation, listened to it with pleasure."

Of other matters he thus kindly speaks:—

"The report of Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry is an instructive and interesting message of ten or twelve pages. One suggestion regarding soliciting candidates accords with our opinion.

"There is no indication of the changes in the ritual proposed except a brief statement:

"We fancy many Companions everywhere are in accord with this. Curtailment may be necessary, but any fundamental change is playing with fire.

"A full page cut of the newly elected Grand First Principal, Kenneth J. Dunstan, adorns the front of the Proceedings and is followed by a brief Masonic biography.

"The Correspondence Report by Comp. Ponton is just as sparkling and brilliant as usual and a little more poetical than usual, having ninety selections, nineteen more than last year."

He gives England one of his best Reviews, saying incidentally:—

"From which also we note that installed Council Officers in England can resign.

"Carrying standards must be the favourite occupation in England as thirty-eight got the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer.

"Nothing is recorded about installation, but the appointed Grand Officers were 'invested.'

"Charters were voted to nineteen new Chapters specifying in each case to what Lodge it is to be attached.

"The Book of Constitutions was revised to correspond with certain amendments made by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. Besides the identity in Grand Officers everything is based on the Grand Lodge and kept in conformity with it."

From Illinois he garners this poetry and its introduction:—

"Frank F. Collins presented a unique Obituary Report paying his respects to the ordinary useful Companion who does not usually get into the necrology limelight.

"The closing poem indicates the spirit of the report:

"The sun goes down to his gold red seat
In the calm of a duty done,
And he leaves the world with a tranquil face
As he smiles farewell to a grateful race
When his daily course is run.
Thus let me go, for my well-earned rest
To the wonderful great unknown,
In the peace that comes from a life well spent."

His Report closes with these references to Wisconsin:—

"He saw no reason why a brother who had lost the first two fingers of his right hand could not be exalted, but the Jurisprudence Committee could not concur. We hope the brother was exalted in the meantime.

"Companion Willard D. Isham, State Deputy for the Order of De Molay, made a ten or twelve page report, and whatever our opinion of its status as a Chapter responsibility we must admire his zeal and enthusiasm.

"The report of the Masonic Service Bureau gives a long list of items of relief of various kinds, rents, coal, sick calls, legal advice, clothing. They even reconciled a few dissenting married couples, and found employment for 863 people."

The Review is followed by a most striking and appealing address by Grand Chaplain Buchanan, who says, with much more that might be quoted:—

"A visit to Grand Chapter gives one a happy impression of the community of interest and purpose which exists among our several Chapters, so that the chain which you form at the opening of your home Chapter is but part of a much longer and stronger chain, each of whose links closely touches and clasps those on either side of it. You will also tell your Companions at home, will you not, that our Grand Chapter Proceedings give one a splendidly exhilarating impression of what a fine and friendly body of men represent Capitular Masonry throughout the country and throughout the world. Here men from all points of the compass foregather to exchange greetings under the covering arch of a common faith and a common discovery of a mighty secret and under the illimit-

able arch of the love of the 'one God and Father of all.' If you should not have been helpfully and happily impressed by your visit to Grand Chapter, then your hearts have been, somehow, out of tune.

"Let me commend to you, then, chiefly for the benefit of your Secretaries, the regular sending of such notices to the Grand Officers. They are all interested in each and all.

"The Grand Chapter (harking back for a moment to my previous point) will continue to seem remote and apart to those who treat it as a body remote and apart. Let us keep as closely together as we can!

"Those of you who are familiar with the music of Chopin know well enough that it owes its efficacy and its charm very largely to the subtle suggestions and gracious surprises of its inner parts (what some would call its inconspicuous and unimportant parts). Which thing is an allegory, for our instruction. Will you remember the words of that High Priest I alluded to, and will you tell them to your Home Chapter members?—"The men on the side lines did it."

"Or, to take but one other example, what do you suppose is meant by passing through the veils and finally appearing within the sanctuary and having communicated to you that name which (if my Hebrew is not open to censure), means, as nearly as possible, Ultimate Reality, Ultimate Truth, Eternal Being?"

M. Ex. Comp. Frederick W. Harcourt, P.G.Z., represents New York and is proud of it.

The volume closes with useful forms for petitions, demits, certificates and summons for non-payment of dues.

Among the finest recollections of this Reviewer are the receptions he has enjoyed through the gracious hospitality of the Grand Chapter of New York.

NEW ZEALAND.

T. M. Rankin, M.E. Grand Z.

The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter organized in 1892 record the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation held in Timaru, 23rd February, 1927.

Eight Past First Grand Principals supported the East.

In the Grand Z.'s valedictory address we find the following regarding Canada's Grand Representative:—

"The Scribe of Kawatiri Chapter is the veteran M.E. J. H. Harkness, one of the strong pillars of Capitular Freemasonry in our territory. He has, to use an Irishism, 'a wonderful way wid him,' and possibly that accounts for the discipline, manners, and attendance of the members of Kawatiri Chapter."

Of Masonry generally he thus speaks from the fullness of his heart:—

"It has a mission, and a great one, else it never would or could have survived the mighty cataclysms and awful wreckage of the past. Don't tell me that purpose or mission begins and ends in our Lodges or Chapters, nor in the ministration of benevolence to those within our circle only, laudable as the practice of that virtue is. But rather that, in the wisdom of the 'Great I Am,' who foreknew all things, Freemasonry was and is ordained to preserve and to perpetuate through the ages a pure and simple faith in the Great Unseen and Hereafter, and to keep before the mind of man the best ideals of intercourse one with the other."

Membership, 3,535.

Much correspondence between the Grand Chapter of Scotland and New Zealand is printed in the Proceedings. From one of the letters of George A. Howell, Grand Scribe E. of Scotland, we take the following conclusion:—

"The circumstances of the position in New Zealand are in no manner of way different from those which subsist in several other parts of the world. The basis on which Masonic harmony and mutual brotherly interest rests in other places should, and I feel sure would, be equally effective in New Zealand, and it is earnestly to be desired that the great objective of Masonic ideals and endeavour will not be allowed to suffer as the result of any course entered upon without the gravest consideration and fraternal regard to the position and rights of all, and I sincerely hope that all concerned will be guided aright into a true and brotherly atmosphere in which strife will have no place."

The letter in reply from New Zealand dated 3rd September, 1926, states:—

"Notices to this effect will be prepared and sent to those concerned and interested. It is regretted that this should be the sequel of years of patient and indefatigable effort on the part of the Companions in this Jurisdiction to settle this dispute forced upon them of invasion of territory.

"The following is a copy of the notice of severance of relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland which has been circulated amongst the Chapters and sister Grand Chapters."

When clause 5 of the report of the Supreme Committee regarding the Grand Chapter of Scotland came up for discussion the following is the record:—

"Clause 5 (Grand Chapter of Scotland). M.E. Comp. S. C. Bingham, P.G.Z., said he understood that a reply had been received to the last communication sent to Scotland, and suggested that it be read. The Grand Scribe E. stated that he had the reply before

him, although it did not in any way alter the present position. On a vote taken for the purpose, it was resolved that the letter *be not read*, and that the report before the Convocation be proceeded with."

We must confess that this rather shocks our ideas of fairness and decorum. Surely if the letter were received the Grand Chapter should have heard it read, especially on an important issue of this kind. Royal Arch Masons should not imitate the ostrich. The missing letter thus suppressed is referred to later on in this Review.

The question of triennial elections of officers of Grand Chapter was discussed at length with the following among other comments:—

"V.E. Comp. Bagnall supported the proposal for triennial elections. At present it was impossible to displace a Grand Superintendent if desired, and the office was in a sense hereditary. The motion indicated a progressive spirit and, he thought, should be supported.

"R.E. Comp. Critchley expressed the opinion that three-year terms were too long to allow a possible incompetent to remain in office, and preferred the system operating in Craft Masonry."

A motion for one year terms was finally adopted.

On the question of six months interval between receiving Master Mason's Degree and application for Chapter Degrees it was stated in the course of debate:—

"If a man was not fit to be a Royal Arch Mason, he was not fit to be a Mason at all, and by imposing the six months' limit they were losing many possible candidates. They should approach a Master Mason while his interest was keen and not when it was waning. The fact was that the Royal Arch required mature Masons, and the proposal was not in the best interests of the Craft."

The newly enthroned First Grand Principal, G. J. Wallace delivered his inaugural address, saying many good things, of which the following are excerpts:—

"The outstanding principles of Freemasonry are really the basis of civilization.

"We are entitled to display in our daily lives the beauties of Masonic teaching; we are entitled to adorn our actions with the many beautiful jewels contained in our rituals.

"Representatives of nations may meet, and endeavour to bring about peace on earth and goodwill toward all men; but little progress can be made by delegates who, while stretching forth the hand of friendship, are grasping with the other the purse strings of their nation's commerce, or the implements of self-defence.

"Peace and goodwill must be cultivated on the grounds of a common cause. Freemasonry seems to me, to a very large extent, to provide that ground.

"For life is the mirror of king and slave,
 'Tis just what you are and do,
 Then give to the world the best you have,
 And the best will come back to you."

R. Ex. Comp. John A. Cowan, to whom all wish restoration to health and long life, represents New Zealand with us.

From the In Memoriam we take this verse:—

"Not to the grave, not to the grave, my soul,
 Follow thy friend belov'd,
 But in the lonely hour,
 But in the evening walk,
 Think that he companies thy solitude;
 Think that he holds with thee
 Mysterious intercourse;
 And though remembrance wake a tear,
 There will be joy in grief."

In order that there may be no misunderstanding about the established position of Scottish Royal Arch Masonry in New Zealand, a full memorandum of correspondence is printed by the Grand Chapter of Scotland and from the letter above referred to, suppressed by New Zealand, we take the following extracts:—

"It is not the intention of this Grand Chapter to seek to urge objections to any course of conduct which your Grand Chapter may desire to follow—the responsibility for, and consequences of, such must rest with your Grand Chapter—but in formally replying to your letter it may be permissible to express the view that the step which has been taken by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand would appear, in view of the concluding part of the second paragraph of your letter, to have been entered upon with regrettable impulsiveness and lack of strict regard for existing circumstances, because it is not possible to correctly aver that the terms of an amicable arrangement submitted to your Grand Chapter in 1921, *and accepted*, retain, or seek to reserve to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland any power of 'unconditionally granting Charters' in New Zealand, or that anything which has been represented, or done in the interval can be rightly described as supporting such allegation.

"It is contrary to fact, and entirely unjustified, to represent that it is characteristic of this Grand Chapter to invade the territories of Sister Grand Chapters, and the importation into such statement of vituperative expression provides neither proof nor argument, and it is hoped that whatever your Grand Chapter does

in connection with the result of their recent action due care will be observed to accurately present all material facts. It is important to prominently keep in view that the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was on the ground in New Zealand many years before any idea of a Grand Chapter arose, and that its Chapters have been practising Royal Arch Masonry there during the whole period."

Grand Secretary Howell adds at the end of the pamphlet:—

"Time and a sincere desire by all to carry out these terms in a faithful and generous spirit would, it is believed, have shown that no reasonable aspiration or desire would have suffered.

"It has, moreover, not been unobserved by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland that the conditions which have been peremptorily demanded from it, notwithstanding that terms of recognition had already been accepted, are more exacting than those demanded from, or at any rate accepted from, a sister Constitution established side by side with it in New Zealand."

We must confess that we think Scotland is right as a Mother Grand Chapter in remaining faithfully loyal to all in New Zealand who desire to remain under her aegis.

Since writing the above Review our Companion, guide, and our familiar friend, John A. Cowan, has passed within the Celestial Veils.

NORTH CAROLINA.

John S. McEachern, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation was held in the City of High Point, May 10th, 1927.

The Proceedings are handsomely printed at the Press of the Oxford Orphanage and of the preservative prowess of the boy and girl printers of that wonderful Institution, North Carolina may well feel proud.

Seven Past Grand High Priests were received with honours.

Distinguished visitors from South Carolina, the General Grand Chapter and from Missouri were welcomed.

The Grand High Priest gave a business-like address. Of the condition of the Craft he says:—

"The gain in some of the past years was larger than this year but Masonry has its periods of prosperity and depressions just as in business and these periods in Masonry seem to be largely coincident with the prosperous and dull times in business. I did not

expect a large increase under the existing economic conditions and I have not urged the constituent Chapters to make any special effort to increase the number, but I have hoped to see developed a closer bond of fellowship among the Craft so that membership in a Chapter would not mean just another Royal Arch Mason added to the list. Some plan should be devised to get some activity in these Chapters that are more or less dormant.

"I have heard numerous reports that York Rite Masonry in North Carolina was dead but since I have had the report of what was done last year in the various Chapters, I have concluded that we can postpone its obsequies."

Among his decisions the following may be found interesting:—

"A Companion cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues without due notice and without regular summons being issued.

"All regulations concerning dues of a member are fixed by the subordinate Chapters themselves. In the absence of Chapter Law, the customs and laws of the Grand Lodge apply. If the Companion who wished to stop the candidate failed to register his objection in open Chapter it was really no objection to his advancement and conferring of degrees was legal."

A Society of Chapter Secretaries was organized.

As to the much debated Past Master Degree he says:—

"As I understand it, the Past Master has always been and still is a part of Blue Lodge System in Pennsylvania. The Past Master's Degree is an essential part of the Capitular System in North Carolina and a pre-requisite to the Most Excellent Master's and Royal Arch Degrees."

Membership, 8,279. Net gain, 22.

Canada's Grand Representative was not present.

The splendid Masonic Loan Fund totals \$45,000 and is distributed among 29 Colleges of the State. 413 loans aggregating over \$42,000 have been made. Over \$12,000 has been repaid and \$6,000 has been repaid in interest by the banks and the students. This great philanthropic work is worthy of imitation with us in Canada.

The Necrology Committee quote this verse:—

"The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

Robert W. Brennan, of Toronto, represents North Carolina, and Canada is represented by Wiley M. Pickens.

The Anointed High Priests held a successful meeting.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, J. Edward Allen, is a skilled specialist in this work and is Correspondent and Reviewer of the Symbolic, Capitular, Cryptic and Templar Bodies. His Reviews are published in separate volumes and are well worthy of that distinction as satisfying entities.

His introduction is really a survey of the world in its relation to the Royal Craft and is both philosophic, prophetic and statistical. He is struck by the general decrease in net gains recorded in almost all the United States Grand Jurisdictions and endeavours to give reasons therefor as well as to furnish some constructive suggestions:—

“It is quite likely that when the returns are in for the year ending next July, the percentage of net gain in membership will be a fraction of one per cent. A net loss is reported by seven Grand Chapters.

“We are able to reach the following conclusions:

“First, that the retardation of growth, and the increase in numbers dropped or suspended, is a more or less general condition in the United States to-day in religious and fraternal organizations.

“Second, that there is some sort of relation between this abridgment of activity, and the period, some six years ago, in which there was more of such activity than these organizations had ever experienced in their history.

“Third, that there is some sort of relation between this condition and other conditions which are prominent at this time. One may mention the rise of criminal activities throughout the country in this **connection**.

“Fourth, that this abridgment of activity is not yet to be terminated, but that a still longer period will be required that it may run its course, and still lower levels of net gains will be reached ere the tide shall turn.

“First, this writer believes that nowhere, perhaps, in the bodies grouped around Freemasonry, is there less attempt made at salvage and conservation of our membership than in Royal Arch Masonry. We happen to know that, when the grave danger of an unenviable record of gains and losses was imminent in the Shrine, there came a vigorous campaign to find the men who were about to be lost to the Order, and then save them. In one Temple alone, this campaign cut in half the list of those whose names were about to be removed from the records. Similar interest should be shown in the “rescue of the perishing” in the Chapters. The usual course, to let them go on for years without paying dues and thereafter to suspend, is a course of carelessness.

“Second, a comparison with ours of the nature and mode of conduct of the Masonic bodies of the British Empire, in which every

Lodge and every Chapter is small, and in which there is yet abundance of real fraternal intercourse, suggests that in our large, lax and institutionalized Masonic bodies there is little real fraternalism in its highest sense; and that the real spirit of Freemasonry is absent in the same degree, whence comes that lack of interest which is the underlying cause of the conditions noted. One may point out in this same connection the fact that in the British Empire not nearly so many organizations make membership in a Masonic lodge a prerequisite to initiation or good standing within themselves.

"Third, the rising tide of interest in the 'Service Clubs,' simultaneous with the decrease of activity in the Lodges, Chapters and the like, affords opportunity for thought.

"One may lay down the principle that where the chief matters that we note are such as described above, rather than a record of pulsating, aggressive activity, there comes the connotation that the several bodies are not entirely so active as they should be. Taken all in all, there is not so much of stimulating material for review in the Capitular books as in those from the several Grand Lodges.

"North Carolina is both a leading state and a state of leaders. The best part about it, to our mind, is the fact that the leaders and the workers, the high and the low, in our citizenship, are close together in the level of general intelligence, and becoming closer and higher."

Canada is fully reviewed and we are glad that our colleague finds so much matter to touch upon. The following observations will be of interest:—

"If we mistake not, Symbolic Masonry of itself is another almost illimitable University. One who thoughtfully contemplates them is struck with amazement at the depths of thought in Symbolic, York and Scottish Masonry. They constitute the most impressive system of morality and the highest of idealism and of pragmatic proof of purpose that one can find in man-made system.

"Always there is much food for thought in the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, to the Grand Chapter of Canada. This time there is the warning that, while accessions to membership are desirable, they are not the optimum goal of Masonry, if obtained at the expense of its dignity.

"This is followed by the following discussion of the 'Roadster:'

"This peculiar species of *genus homo* is a problem all to himself. He is not entirely worthless to Capitular Masonry, but the job of putting him to good use is a problem. He thinks he wants to get 'something higher;' but he does not know what that is. Ultimately he can be used in a minority of cases.

"What price Masonry? Here is a really unique statement of the case about 'Cheap Masonry:'

"The observation that the greatest part of unpaid dues is in Chapters and Lodges which have very moderate charges, is true also in North Carolina. It causes us to do some studying."

"Again we note with pleasure the work of Reviewer Ponton, whose words are always pleasing. The following serves to motivate the reader: it is from the introductory part of the Report.

"We are grateful to him for his courteous treatment of North Carolina."

Of reviewing generally under Florida, Comp. Allen says:—

"We find it utterly impossible to use all of the material which we discover. We have come to the conclusion that it is not the multiplicity of our observations and of the facts which we present, that goes to make a really successful document for the Companions to read, but the effective manner in which use is made of a more limited volume of stuff. Writing is in some respects like talking: volubility is not synonymous with effectiveness, but often precludes it. Billy Sunday is the only shining exception that we now think of, to this rule (we heard him in Tampa, Florida, a couple of weeks ago). Daily this scribe compels himself to remember that he may eliminate much and make the results of his efforts more effective. And did Companion Hubbell realize that as a whole, the books which print no reviews are leanest in really good material for us to use with power? What we write is undoubtedly a sort of salmagundi, as Washington Irving used the word, but we have no aspiration to make it a dish of hash only."

North Dakota reveals to him, as to others, two up-standing figures:—

"The book reflects the presence of two outstanding characteristics—the personalities of Walter L. Stockwell and of Eben George Guthrie. One talks more; the other is perhaps more fluent with the pen, or the writing machine.

"Grind the gem, and dig the well,
For what? For whom? I cannot tell.
The stone may mark a boundary line,
The well may flow, the gem may shine.

"Be it wage enough for you
To shape them well and set them true.
Of the future who can tell?
Work, my friend, and so farewell."

"This is my task, this my refrain,
Though hard it be and full of pain,
Though dangers round me silent creep,
And men may fall, and many weep,
To help the blind his way to gain,
I'll blaze a trail."

Under Nova Scotia where he takes up the subject of a Royal Arch Mason being required to be in good standing in a Lodge, he appends this note:—

“Western Australia, British Columbia and Canada require evidence of good standing. If demitted with us he is in ‘bad standing.’ Their law an anomalous article.”

He concludes his Review in these words:—

“The reader, in observing the accompanying statistical tables, may conclude that this scribe has a ‘statistical devil.’ We seem to have observed that it takes statistics and the objective things, in combination with spiritual values and things not objective, to complete an appraisal.”

Then follow no less than 21 tables of statistics, percentages and analyses which furnish everything any Grand Jurisdiction could possibly desire to know. He compares, contrasts and collates.

NORTH DAKOTA.

William W. Shaw, M.E. Grand High Priest.

From the biography of the Grand High Priest we learn that he was born in Fergus, Ontario, and was an expert Telegrapher of the C.P.R. before he was twenty. Some of his characteristics may be gathered from the following:—

“Companion Shaw naturally is interested in all forms of outdoor sports. He likes to play baseball. He says he would rather see a ball game than sign the monthly pay roll. He has been known to travel as far as little old New York to see a World Series. He enjoys hunting and fishing but says that in spite of his fast motor boat on Lake Pomme-de-Terre some of the bass do get away. From all this it is readily understood that William Wallace Shaw is a real upstanding red blooded man, whose interests and sympathies are broad and varied.”

The Thirty-eighth Convocation was held in Fargo, January 25th, 1927.

Visitors from Saskatchewan and Minnesota were welcomed. Those from Saskatchewan are well known to us, James McCauley and Joseph F. Yorke.

In his annual address the Grand Z. says:—

“We have experienced (and possibly are still in it) a period of depression. We have shown a loss of membership by the non-payment of dues, but we must keep our garden free from weeds, and cut out the dead timber.

"Our duties do not simply extend from the opening to the closing of the Chapter. Let us reach out in everyday life, not only to our Masonic Brother, but to all humanity and extend some act of kindness to brighten their lives.

"Defiance of law, and contempt for Constituted Authority are rampant in our land. Let us conform to the laws and the Government of our Country; let us give timely counsel and advice, let us endeavour to make better American citizens, and we will have abundance of material for Freemasonry.

"I endeavoured in plain words to discourage any effort to make our visitation simply a matter of entertainment. That we were out for the benefit of the Craft and hoped they might get some good from our visit.

"Some Chapters paid little attention to our orders regarding the entertainment. As the Scotchman would say; 'I kent fu weel they wadna heed.'"

He is naturally impatient of delays and neglect, and thus comments in one case:—

"After considerable delay, which did not 'set well' with me, as it appeared to be pure indifference on the part of the officers of the Chapter, I was able to arrange a meeting with Mystic Chapter."

Of his visit to the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan he says:—

"We treasure the friendship of Saskatchewan and hope we may be favoured with a representation from there to our Grand Chapter."

Under Iowa he speaks thus:—

"Their business although heavy was quickly dispatched. Their Grand High Priest in his address shot direct from the shoulder and his aim was good. I hope this friendship with Iowa will continue to increase as the years roll by."

Grand Secretary Stockwell as usual gives a report with much meat in it as our readers can judge:—

"We continue to show a loss in membership. This cannot be charged to indifference or lack of effort on the part of those who have led you this year.

"It is a condition which is nation-wide and affects many organizations. We are still readjusting ourselves from the great influx of members during the war period. We are still clearing our records of members who have lost touch with Lodge and Chapter. Yet, on the other hand, no thoughtful student of conditions fails to understand that many other organizations have come into our community life during the last decade, and are taking the time, attention and effort of many of the younger men, possibly at the expense of our Masonic bodies, but is that reason for discouragement

and defeat? Not by any means. That is the more reason why we should redouble our efforts to make our Masonic Life richer and more attractive. Give to Masonry the same time and effort that we give to other organizations and there will be no lack of membership or enthusiasm. We have no misgivings. Conditions may not be the best. If not, redouble the effort. Everyone believed Gen. Grant was utterly defeated at the Battle of the Wilderness. Did he retreat? He did not. He ordered an advance along the whole line.

"So it is our judgment that there must be an advance along the whole front.

"It is thirty-five years since we made the symbolic journey from Babylon to Jerusalem. We can see in our mind's eye the green banks and ever running waters of the Euphrates. It was a rough and rugged road but the reward was sure. It was the Master's word. What is the conclusion that we reach in all these things, it is simply this, that the only enduring values are spiritual. It is in the giving of the best things of ourselves that we find satisfaction. It is the willingness to undertake any part of the work, if only we can share in the rebuilding of the city and temple of our God. For He is good and his mercy endureth forever."

Membership, 4,078. Net loss, 46.

Ex. Comp. A. J. Burr, recently appointed a Justice of the Supreme Bench, delivered an oral Report which indicated that Masonry has, and the Bench has acquired a pillar and an ornament:—

"There is a large field in life where every citizen must determine for himself wherein his duty lies, whether he will perform it, and to what extent he will carry it out. Compulsion, in the sense of legal compulsion has a limited field. However, this does not say a man is not under moral compulsion; but this compulsion is one which he must determine for himself.

However, in ethics this cannot be done for the simple reason that there are duties which can only be performed because of a willingness and desire on the part of the individual to do them. There are peculiar duties which exist only because they are voluntary. Compulsion by public opinion, by custom, by boycott, destroys the voluntary nature, and is in the nature of punishment or penalty.

"Men in their relation to their fellowmen owe the discharge of what we should rather term virtues than duties. Kindness, helpfulness, self-sacrifice, tolerance and kindred virtues cannot be compelled. They would lose their savor, they would cease to exist.

"You must get far beyond the field where duty is performed because it can be compelled and enter that field where if the word compulsion is used it is a compulsion which comes from within, which comes from the heart filled with a desire to do everything that a man can do."

In the farewell remarks by the Canadian Companions, Comp. McCauley says:—

“In spite of faults and failings we are drawn to our Masonic friends. We love each other many times because of our faults.”

And Comp. Yorke gave the Benediction as follows:—

“He acknowledged that Ancient Craft Masonry was fundamental but the other degrees are like the petals of a flower, they open out and give us a new fragrance.”

George H. Keyes represents Canada, and North Dakota is represented by George L. Gardiner, whose reports on the Condition of the Royal Craft are widely quoted in all Jurisdictions.

The well known and characteristic features of P.G. H.P. George Guthrie preceded his Review, which in its introduction contains the following:—

“There are more Grand Chapters being interested in Educational Loan matters every year, which certainly gives promise of development of the wonderful and expanding cause of Education and the means for procuring it, to the aspiring and ambitious students who have become acquainted with this stimulus to their desire to further and extend their studies. As the Grand Chapters take up this phase of meeting the commendable issue, it is inexcusable in the constituent Chapters if they do not broadcast the fact to the students in their vicinity, who lack the necessary financing to profit by the désiré to be educated should the Open Road be pointed out that they might know the way to obtain a loan.

“As an eminent writer has said, ‘Efficiency is the dude expression relating to what we know as practical common sense.’ But we have grown into a conditional state that will not tolerate the ancient way, but must be modern or futurist in action.”

In his review of Canada he says that the address of the Grand Z. was not a lengthy one but it was meaty and digestible.

He speaks of the well composed and illuminated report on Capitular Masonry by Comp. Gardiner which summarizes the activities in all the departments of Capitular life, and he adds that many other subjects are treated of with the idea of enabling and ennobling Royal Arch Masonry.

Of our own Review he is kind enough to say:—

“The Capitular Correspondence is produced by Companion Ponton, reaching to the high standard of his former compositions, which is equivalent to being in the front ranks of reviews.

"We cordially appreciate the generous mention made in his review of North Dakota, much more than we shall expect in the future, yet we fully believe that the essence will be concentrated, but the substance will not deteriorate, nor become stale in the condensation."

Kansas, of which Albert K. Wilson is the embodiment, challenges this word of greeting:—

"Then comes the appendix, which is controlled by the good old scout, Albert K. Wilson, who can be depended upon to air his opinions on all occasions, either in defense or combat, with equal eagerness. He puts together one of the best reviews among the Guild, but his excerpts are printed in such abominable fine type that puzzles old eyes to read.

"He is pronounced on two important subjects, one being the attaching of outside organizations to ours; the other to the assembling of large crowds to confer degrees in pomp and magnificence, to the destruction of the dignity and impressiveness that the candidates deserve and to which they are entitled."

He apparently agrees with us regarding the relations of the Grand Chapter of Scotland and the attitude of the Antipodean Domains, saying:—

"It would appear that aggravation and affront is courted rather than an effort for conciliation and pacification. We have great faith in the Earl of Cassillis and Comp. John Sime that mediation will be considered and harmony prevail even at a small sacrifice of pride."

As usual he closes his review with "Pick-ups along the Trail" two of which are as follows:—

"In the life of every man there is a Babylonian captivity, when obstacles are encountered, defeats suffered, business reverses occur and physical ills befall us. And in these dark and gloomy hours we are apt to underestimate the value and comfort of friends.

"Do we not sometimes forget God and His place in the affairs of Men? I question if this is not the cause of the unrest prevailing to-day, the disregard of law and the laxity in enforcing the law, the crime waves which seem so prevalent, the contentions of capital and labour, the confusion existing among us with the Fundamentalists, Modernists, Materialists, and Socialists striving for the mastery, until we are constrained to cry out with the patriarch of old, 'Oh that I knew where I might find Him.'"

And then he says good-night with a prose poem of his own:—

"When the sun setting beyond the hillside, cast its lingering light, shedding its radiance in beautiful tones of softening, diminishing rays, over the refreshing acts of our lives and actions, ushering us into the presence of our Almighty Parent, to gather the reward

that he has promised to all those who have eaten of the hidden manna, and who have interpreted 'Holiness to the Lord' to the betterment of His Kingdom on earth."

NOVA SCOTIA.

Reginald Vanderbilt Harris, K.C., M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia with jurisdiction over the Province of Prince Edward Island and the Dominion of Newfoundland, was held in the Masonic Temple, City of St. John's, Newfoundland, 8th July, 1927.

A letter was read from M.E. Comp. George Moore, our Grand Representative of Nova Scotia.

As might be expected, the Grand High Priest's address is replete with historical lore and with interesting matter throughout. He was Grand Archivist of the Grand Chapter for many years. The following will illustrate this trait of which he is master:—

"To-day for the first time in our history we meet in the ancient colony and Royal Dominion of Newfoundland, in its capital city, the most easterly city in America, St. John's.

"With a most interesting history dating back to its first settlement by Devonshire fishermen early in the 16th century; twice sacked by the French and captured by them in the Seven Years War (1762), recaptured the same year, since when it has remained British. Both in the war of American Independence and in that of 1812, it formed an important naval base. The heroic part played by the people of this Dominion in the Great War is a proud epic in the annals of our Empire. Gallipoli, Egypt, France and Flanders are fields of honour throughout the length and breadth of this loyal Dominion, and Suvla Bay, Guedecourt, Beaumont Hamel, Monchy, Steenbeck, Langemarck, Cambrai, and Combles are as sacred as the soil of this Island itself. The basic resources of the forest, fisheries and mines of this country are world renowned; they have been but scratched.

In Canada, we have just concluded the celebration of our Sixtieth Year as the Dominion of Canada. Everywhere from ocean to ocean the story of our growth to nationhood within the glorious British Commonwealth of nations, has been told and retold. We have been thrilled with the record of achievement and a vision of world service to humanity has been presented to us, worthy of the traditions of the race. In this memorable celebration, the members of our beloved Order have played their part, though few have spoken of the growth and achievements of the Order itself during that same period."

In sixty years the Lodges have increased from 55 to 110, and the Chapters from 5 to 20. He claims that the present Nova Scotia Preceptory, No. 5, dating back to 1782, is the oldest Knight Templar body in the Overseas Empire.

Shannon Chapter of St. John's was celebrating its fiftieth anniversary in which the Grand Chapter officers all participated.

The Grand High Priest's Necrology Report is a model. He covers many names, assigning to each a line or two, summing up their virtues such as for instance:—

“And this he bore without abuse
The grand old name of gentleman.”

“Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave me now Thy servant sleeping.”

“He tried to get the brethren to love and think.

“Always dependable and loyal.

“He was more than a great Mason; he was the friend of youth and of age.”

“He must be still a student and a worker.

“His attachment to Masonry was a profound affection.”

Under Fraternal Relations and of his visit to Quebec he says:—

“At a luncheon held at noon on March 23rd I was asked to speak and conveyed the greetings and congratulations of this Grand Chapter. I took occasion to present them with a copy of a document from the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, proving that Royal Arch Masonry in Quebec is entitled to date back to 1760; the earliest date previously established being 1791. I also presented them with photographs of early Royal Arch certificates from our Grand Lodge Archives. These gifts were accepted on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Quebec by R.E. Comp. W. W. Williamson, Grand Secretary. I also made reference to the antiquity of Masonry in Nova Scotia; the presence in our Archives of the oldest Mark Lodge records on the continent; the existence in Halifax of the oldest Royal Arch Chapter in the British Empire overseas, Royal Union No. 1, and other claims on behalf of Nova Scotia with which you are familiar.”

As to our own gathering where we missed him, he says:—

“It is a matter of regret that I was not able to accept the invitation of the Grand Chapter of Canada held at Ottawa. I am strongly of the opinion that more of these fraternal visits by the

heads of the governing bodies of Masons throughout Canada would extend and enlarge the influence of the Masonic Order.

"I submit that the practice of virtually every other Grand Chapter should be followed and the expenses or a portion of them, paid, whenever in the opinion of the Grand High Priest and the Board of General Purposes the occasion of the invitation warrants the expenditure of sending him or an official representative.

"No Grand Chapter, no more than any man, can live unto itself alone."

As to Grand Representatives he recommends:—

"Without binding any future Grand High Priest by any hard and fast rules, I recommend, 'That all Grand Representatives should be appointed for distinguished or meritorious service rendered to the cause of Royal Arch Masonry.'"

He does not at all approve, indeed he protests against (as does Grand Chapter) the new Grand Council of High Priesthood to which the State of Michigan recently issued a charter at Toronto to be known as the Grand Council of the Order in Canada. He has pointed out that a Grand Council of the Order was organized in Nova Scotia in 1870 and in New Brunswick in 1866. He is partially critical of our retaining the old name of Grand Chapter of Canada. He says that opinions may differ. However he adds:—

"It is a different matter, however, when a newly-organized body in these days deliberately adopts a title such as 'The Grand Council in Canada,' and claims to exercise jurisdiction from the Ottawa River to the Pacific Ocean."

Of the Condition of the Order and the falling off and the inter-dependence of the Royal Craft he thus writes:—

"The situation parallels the situation in the Craft Lodges of the Jurisdiction. When work drops off in the Blue Lodges it drops off in direct proportion in the Chapters."

He places his finger on the slow pulse of Arch Masonry in the following words:—

"Before passing from the subject of Visitations may I say that the outstanding hindrance to the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction is the lack of enthusiasm. The average attendance at Chapter meetings is very small.

"Another remedy is 'More Light in Masonry.'"

"When we consider the small percentage of Royal Arch Masons it seems imperative that we should take some action to arouse more interest in our work among those who are outside our doors as well as those within."

He thinks that there should be an examination showing suitable proficiency in the M.M. Degree and also in the Royal Arch Degree.

We quite agree with his criticism of the so-called musical odes:—

“The words of many of the Odes used are, in my opinion, archaic compositions, in some cases mere doggerel, without symbolic meaning and in need of revision.”

He rules that if a candidate is of good moral and mental fitness his petition may be received, the testing point being at the initiation into the Craft Lodge.

As to the summons or notice of meetings he has broad views which will appeal to many:—

“The better the notice, the more likely it will be read. It is money well spent. If in addition to the mere notice of meeting, items of general Masonic interest are added, such as, plans for future meetings, notes on various members, illnesses, distinctions conferred upon them or biographical notes respecting deceased members, reports of official visitations or of meetings of Grand Chapter, etc. Then when a non-attending member receives a notice he opens and reads it as he would a newspaper he receives; his interest is eventually roused and before long we see him at our meetings.”

To this from his conclusion we will all say “so mote it be!”—

“Our Order is built and building to bless humanity. Its great living foundation stones of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are unmoveable, and imperishable. Upon them stands, the great Temple of Truth, forever building. Within it are the Fountains of Wisdom, Power and Harmony, at which all may drink.”

Members, 2,638. Net loss, 13.

The Companions proceeded to the Memorial Monument erected to the memory of those Newfoundlanders who gave their lives in the Great War, and placed a floral tribute—square and compass—to their memory with this dedication:—

“In the name of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, I lay this Emblem at the foot of this magnificent Memorial to the brave men and women of Newfoundland, to commemorate the heroism, valor and sacrifice of those Royal Arch Masons and their comrades who in the Great War served and died that this Empire and civilization might live.

“Greater love hath no man.”

Their name liveth forever more.

"It might not be improper here to point out that the writing of the history of our Chapters is very necessary as a Masonic duty."

Canada's Grand Representative, George S. Wright, was not among those received at the altar.

A composite biography of Grand High Priest Harris is given showing that among many other offices, he is Chancellor of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, was appointed King's Counsel in 1922, and is a prolific writer on municipal, educational, historical and Masonic subjects.

The Order of High Priesthood appears to flourish apace.

Grand Secretary Porter is in charge of the Fraternal Reviews and he prefaces his good work with the following verses:—

"We walk the path the great have trod,
The great in heart, the great in mind,
Who looked through Masonry to God,
And looked through God to all mankind;
Found more than word or sign or grip,
Found Man's and God's relationship.

And so, I say a sacred trust
Is yours to share, is yours to keep."

Under Canada he refers to M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and to the historical sketch of M. Ex. Comp. Davis, adding:—

"This Grand Chapter has been very fortunate in having a succession of earnest and sincere Craftsmen, whose labours for Royal Arch Masonry have been crowned with success."

As to the Past Master Degree and our lack of it he says:—

"Among Masonic Courtesies he notes the fact of a Companion wishing to visit a Chapter in New York, but being unable to do so on account of not having the Past Master Degree, and of the Grand Chapter of New York, so as to make fraternal intercourse easier, giving their Chapters instruction to confer the degree in similar cases."

He summarizes Comp. Gardiner's Report as follows:—

"The thoughtful Report of the Committee on Capitular Masonry emphasizes the statement that they do not approve of the method of soliciting Master Masons to petition for the Chapter degree. The thought advanced in that higher degree of expression and greater regard for the dignity and solemnity of the Holy Royal Arch will mark an era of improvement accompanied by interest

and growth. A warning is sent out against Royal Arch Masonry being used merely as a bridge."

Opinions differ with regard to the election or appointment of Grand Scribe E. He is in favor of election thinking that any other method than the majority vote of the Grand Body would lower the standing of the office.

On the subject of our Ritual revision he says:—

"In a subject of so much importance as the Revision of a Ritual time should not be a factor and they are wise to 'make haste slowly.'

"Anyone reading Comp. Ponton's report and finding what a compendium of Royal Arch Masonry it is, would look at the amount of money in the funds of Grand Chapter and feel 'twas a good investment."

Of Bodies professing Masonic connection he has this to say with gentle banter:—

"We thought we had a new one when we read of the Grand High Priest of Delaware being a member of 'Brandywine Forest,' 'Tall Cedars of Lebanon' but M.E. Comp. Izor's biography gives us another. He is a member of Court 76, Royal Order of Jesters. We thought better of him."

Under New York we read:—

"An agreeable surprise came to the Grand High Priest when cheques for substantial amounts were sent to him by two of the Chapters, as a donation to the Building Fund of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City. In acknowledging this gift Bishop Manning wrote 'Nothing could be more fitting than that Royal Arch Masons should have a part in the erection of this greatest Cathedral in the English-speaking world.' The cornerstone of this magnificent structure, modelled on the French Gothic Cathedrals of the North of France, was laid on St. John's Day, December 27th, 1892, and it will be a decade at least before it is finished."

Commenting on New Zealand and Scotland he says (but they do not need any stimulus):—

"It would seem that loyalty to New Zealand, by New Zealanders putting their own institutions first would help solve the difficulty."

This of the Eastern Star under Virginia:—

"We never did like mixing Masonry with anything whose membership is, in part, profane. We have never been a woman hater either. Our objection is the mixture which cannot do them any good and does us vast harm. We are a Brotherhood and should always remain such."

He concludes the volume with a short history of the Ritual of Grand Chapter in Nova Scotia, showing great research beginning thus:—

“The object of this paper is an attempt to ‘impress upon your minds’ that ‘the rites and mysteries developed in’ these degrees as contained in this Ritual of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia ‘have been handed down, through a chosen few, unchanged by time, and uncontrolled by prejudice; and we expect and trust they will be regarded by you with the same veneration, and transmitted with the same scrupulous purity to your successors.’”

OHIO.

Warren J. Baker, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Convocation assembled at Toledo, 6th October, 1926, with no less than eighteen Past Grand High Priests as columnar ornaments in the Grand East.

This from the invocation of Grand Chaplain Mitchell:—

“Do for us this day that which we need. Preside over our deliberations. May the words that are spoken be of wisdom. May the acts that are performed be judicious.”

Mayor Mery stated in his speech:—

“I have welcomed a great many thousands of people, a great many different conventions, but I feel toward this Convention just a little differently, because I am a part of it.”

In the acknowledgment given by Grand Scribe Sperling we find the following:—

“At first the portal slips ajar
In answer to your ringing,
And then your eyes meet friendly eyes,
And wide the door goes swinging.
And something seems to stir the soul,
However troubled be you,
If but the cheery host exclaims,
‘Come in, we’re glad to see you.’”

“May your Masonic influence in your city increase greatly. And then, Companions, with it all, never forget to feed the stream of benevolence to those who are in sickness and distress.”

The Grand High Priest delivered a very comprehensive address in which he shows that he has kept in close contact with the Chapters throughout the year:—

"I welcome you to our Convocation, not only to enjoy the good fellowship always present, but to take part in the transactions of this Grand Body, it being your prerogative and duty to present any appropriate subject which you consider should have attention, and to participate in debate on all matters presented for consideration.

"The sudden and untimely death of Companion Smith should remind us that "The young may die, the old must die, and the wisest knoweth not how soon."

He carefully analyzes the attendance at Chapters and they will be of interest for purposes of comparison to our Companions. 34 Chapters average 5 per cent. of membership, 92 Chapters average 10 per cent., 41 Chapters average 15 per cent., 17 Chapters average 20 per cent., and they run from that to 40 per cent., but very few attaining that maximum.

As to the code and the Proceedings and fees he says:—

"The Proceedings are to be read and not placed on a book-shelf as an ornament and there to accumulate dust.

"Many a worthy brother is deterred from petitioning a Chapter on account of it being a hardship to pay the entire fee in advance."

Among his decisions the following may be found of interest:—

"A Companion Royal Arch Mason from a Canadian Chapter desires to make application for membership by dimit, and states that the Past Master Degree is not conferred in Canadian Chapters. What procedure would have to be taken?"

"Answer: The Ohio Chapter should first confer the Past Master's Degree upon the Canadian Companion without charge."

He visited the Masonic Home and proudly reports:—

"I was greatly impressed with the architectural beauty of the Rickley Memorial, and with its well arranged and fully equipped rooms, with every convenience for the comfort and entertainment of our wards.

"Every Mason should take pride in this wonderful institution and should willingly and cheerfully contribute as liberally as possible to its upkeep."

He refused Dispensation for a new Chapter on the following ground:—

"Unfortunately we have too many weak Chapters and I believe in doing everything possible to strengthen these Chapters instead of establishing new ones."

Membership, 80,170. Net gain, 1,345. Nevertheless 61 Chapters showed a loss in membership. Ohio's largest Chapter is Cleveland with 2,281 members.

From the Report of the Trustees, we reproduce the following inspiring, and we hope contagious sentences:—

"The Trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home wish to submit a report of the doings during the year last past, at that happy retreat where dependent Masons find shelter and substance, with freedom from anxiety and worldly care, where His dependent children may find a pleasant home, loving care and helpful training.

"I think it was Dr. Johnson who said that one of the most engaging powers of an author was to 'make new things familiar and familiar things new.'

"The Trustees invite you to visit the Home and its happy people, and ask you to carry back to your own firesides one of these little books as a remembrance of this great charity initiated by the Grand Chapter and now fostered by the whole fraternity."

The Committee on Necrology say many wise and touching things, among them the following:—

"Such a person is like an old Stradivarius whose tone has become so sweet that its value is increased a hundred fold, and it seems almost to have a soul.

"If religion has been accurately described as 'loving God and little children,' Companion Taylor was religious.

"Who else among Masons has attended every Communication of his Grand Lodge for sixty-five years, and those of his Grand Chapter for more than fifty years?"

"Dare to hope. Hoping is the finest sort of courage, and you can never have enough of it. Tears are the dew on that flower of the skies called hope. Weep, but hope."

"You're a Mason, you say, and did your best,
Your conscience was clear as you sank to rest,
God bless you and keep you. Few stand the test."

Then follows the speech by M. Ex. Comp. Darrow, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, of whom this Reviewer has the happiest memories, and we cannot resist reproducing these touches from his buoyant mind:—

"The records showed that the first resolution was recorded as follows: 'Voted that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.' The second resolution: 'Voted that the fullness of the earth belongs to the saints.' The third resolution: 'Voted that we are the saints.'

"Now, you have not obtained these honours and these distinctions because of any resolution that may have been passed, but because there was merit back of it.

"How fitting it was for you to present that beautiful loving cup to one who had served you so faithfully.

"He did not do as one member of a Lodge down in our country did when, to celebrate an event in his home, they presented him with a loving cup, and the one who presented it said, 'We present you this loving cup in token of our affection for you and because of our joy over the birth of twins in your home last week.' The good brother backed away from it and said, 'Take it away. I don't want it.' 'Oh, yes, my brother, but we want you to take it and keep it always as an expression of our affection for you and our joy over the birth of twins in your home.' 'Oh,' he said, 'If I may keep it always, I will take it. I thought it was one of those cups you have to compete for every year.'

"Exalted patriotism is to my mind somewhat akin to religion, and I do not think it is sacrilegious to say that those shrines are the Holy of Holies of our great nation. I do not want to convey the idea for one moment that politics and Masonry are one, at least in the sense that you and I may be partisans, but I do maintain most earnestly that there is a relationship between Masonry and good citizenship that we as Royal Arch Masons must recognize if we are to fulfill our highest ambitions."

The Committee on Jurisprudence considered the decisions of the Grand High Priest and approved them all, but his recommendations appeared to be of too progressive and forward a nature and they did not put on them the stamp of their approval.

Wilden E. Joseph represents Canada, and Ohio is represented by one of Hamilton's two grand old men, Hugh A. MacKay.

The annual report of the Ohio Masonic Home with copious and beautiful illustrations of life, work and play there, fills many pages and even the statistics are most interesting.

Ohio illustrates the science and the ideal of philanthropy in this regard.

The Correspondence Report of Dr. W. A. Belt, is as usual, interesting and original. We take the following from his prologue:—

"Geographically thinking of the Capitular world, presents a few facts: Only six Grand Chapters exist below the equator in the Southern Hemisphere, namely, in Australia and New Zealand. Eight are north of the United States in Canada, three in the British Isles, and all the balance forty-five, inside the boundary of our country.

A reading of these Reviews, we hope, will be interesting because of contrasts, as well as instructive, because of facts contained."

And this from Alabama's conditions, being applicable to other Jurisdictions:—

"The Constitution was amended at this Convocation abolishing the position of Deputy Grand High Priest, so some other form of opening will have to be devised. The official toboggan slide of promotion will thus be made shorter, which will please those on the slide, because they will be Grand High Priests a year sooner, but it carries its sorrows, for thus they sooner will be 'things of the past.' The argument for this amputating procedure is not in evidence, but one thing is sure, our southern friends will be different than all the rest of us, if that is any contentment. If thine eye offend thee, pluck it out."

Of course he praises, as all reviewers do, the address of Grand Z. Middleton, of Alberta, an outstanding man whom the Companions of The St. Patrick (Toronto), have had the privilege of hearing recently.

Under British Columbia we read:—

"It is not unusual for candidates to get all the degrees in one evening. A presentable 'proceedings' is published, and smacks in dignity with the productions of much larger Grand Chapters."

He says that the address of the Grand Z. of Canada was interesting and reviewed all the doings. He speaks of the pride with which reference was made to the eight R.A.M.'s who met in Hamilton in 1857 and formed the Grand Chapter. Windsor appears to be in close touch with Ohio and the Reviewer says:—

"Ark Chapter, of Windsor, journeyed over the border to Jackson, and exemplified their work in the Royal Arch Degree. Might say in passing that it was my pleasure to witness the same thing by this Chapter, when they were the guests of Toledo, so we can speak a good word for them."

Of Comp. Gardiner's Report he says:—

"After all reports of every kind are made, a unique committee, called 'Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry,' reviews everything for the year and offers suggestions."

Under Connecticut we find this very practical recommendation:—

"The last thing done before the Convocation closes, is to call the roll of the Chapters and all Representatives are expected to be present, if not excused, or 'show cause why the usual fine should not be imposed.' This is also all right. If paid for a day's attendance, their attendance should be rendered.

"Some annoyance would be removed from presiding officers of several Masonic Grand Bodies, if this custom was more general."

England gives him as much opportunity as the pamphlet forms, in detached segments, will afford, and he says:—

“As no formal volume of Proceedings is issued, only pamphlets from time to time, in which very little is told, it is impossible to give our readers any clear conception of this Grand Body.

“Each Chapter is attached to, and is presided over, as we understand it, by the same officers as a Lodge. In issuing a Charter for a new Chapter, it reads ‘to be attached to Lodge No. —.’

“Some Chapters were meeting without their ‘Charters or Warrants at hand and available for display, and all came in for what our American youth are pleased to term ‘a bawling out.’”

Under Kansas referring to “attachments” and “job lots” he reports:—

“He infers there are too many sideshows trying to hang on to the apron string of Masonry and we are belittling ourselves by job lotting the degrees in classes of one thousand or more in the presence of several thousand Royal Arch Masons.

“A candidate cannot get much instruction or impression in such a bargain counter rush.”

His conclusion furnishes food for thought:—

“The hop, skip and jump method of making Capitular Masons for a few years, lately passed, did not take time, nor was it attempted, to make of the applicants, finished products.

“A system of education with the screen and by lectures is in operation, with results. Some way must be used to enlighten, if renewed interest is accomplished, and the sooner the better.

“Nothing is more important just now than the assimilation of what we have acquired.”

OKLAHOMA.

Emerson Burns, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation was held at Holdenville, April 20th, 1927.

Distinguished visitors from Texas were welcomed. Canada was, as usual, represented by Comp. William Noble.

The friendly and fraternal letter of Ed. Worth, of Cobourg, Ontario, Representative of Oklahoma in Canada, is printed in full. Among other things he says:—

“At Ottawa, again had the very great pleasure of answering to the Call of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. To me a very great privilege, indeed. I really prize my Ambassadorship very, very much, and seldom miss Grand Chapter.”

No less than sixteen Past Grand High Priests were pillars and columns and ornaments in the Grand East.

From the address of the Grand High Priest a brief and business-like document, we take the following:—

"I hope that each one may receive an inspiration from this Convocation, and when you return home, you will transmit a portion of it to your Companions, and that Capitular Masonry will enjoy a healthy increase during the coming year.

"In reading over the report I find that a total of \$670 has been expended from its relief fund for the benefit of Oklahoma Masons. These Brethren have returned \$547.00 of this amount to the Sojourners' Club.

"I recommend that this Grand Chapter contribute something to this Club to assist in its great and noble work."

Thirty-two Chapters report a loss, forty Chapters report a gain. Total gain, 77. Membership, 14,173.

A special Committee on Rituals report:—

"The age in which we live seems to be a golden one for Masonry. The entire Order, in all its rites, is engaged in educational and charitable service. That we are pushing on to higher and more useful ideals seemingly marks our progress—and we all approve it. We register our 'kicks,' of course, but down deep in our souls we would not revert to the old Order of things, now a part of our history.

"There are, approximately, twenty-two rituals in use in the United States to-day. Landmarks have come down to us from the dim past unchangeable, unalterable and, to every member of the Craft, should be sacred. Those Landmarks are as sacred to the Capitular Mason as they are to the Master Mason. They form the foundation upon which the superstructures, of all rites, is builded.

"An analysis of the statistics of all states, whose returns we have examined, shows that all have suffered losses following the peak gains of the war, and during certain years following the war. That condition being true, we are reasonably sure that losses cannot wholly be attributed to local conditions. We are reliably informed that other organizations—non-Masonic—have also suffered, viz.: Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Elks.

"We have never conceived the fact that the Secretary's job was a REAL business proposition, and as a result, many of our Companions have met suspension when a decent regard for common business principles would have saved a large number of them to our rolls. If we could impress our Chapters that they should pay good wages for services as Secretary, and demand the proper results, we are quite sure we would be able to tell a different story, but to make effective the suggestion given is well nigh impossible."

The Committee on Necrology presented a unique report, from which we make the following selections:—

"The many lessons of Masonry can only mean to us that there is a *completeness* in the Divine plan and that the execution of this plan, in its perfect fullness, is in our own hands. We begin in our youth and each day we fashion the soul for its future—for good or for ill."

"We gain

Justice and judgment with years,
Or, else, years were in vain."

"Progress is a labour of Hercules. But the task grows easier the oftener we essay it. Labour, *labour*, is the *strength* of the human soul.

"Labour is worship, the *flying* cloud *lightens*;
Only the *waving* wing *changes* and *brightens*;
Idle hearts, *only*, the dark future frightens;
Play the sweet keys, wouldst thou keep them in tune."

"How much more should we stretch forth the helping hand and speak the kindly word of cheer, if *this* little life be their all."

Father Murrow, a nonagenarian, made an eloquent speech reminding us of the late Adam Brown.

The Loan Fund continues to thrive, prosper and do good. One of the many letters of acknowledgement reads:—

"Dear Sir:

"The loan you made was a life saver, especially the one for the Senior year in Oklahoma University, for if anyone was ever on the rocks, I was most certainly there, but now the day is beginning to dawn a little brighter, thanks for that."

"Sincerely yours,"

From the introduction of the Committee's Review of Foreign Correspondence by Eugene Hamilton, we make these interesting excerpts:—

"Has any Grand Chapter the right to so interdict Masonic intercourse? My opinion is that the Grand Chapter may interdict intercourse between rival Grand Chapters, but its authority stops there.

"And ritual tinkering is still going on in some of the Grand Chapters. Revision after revision seems to be the order of the day. Why not adopt the beautiful work of the General Grand and eliminate this continual attempt to change?

"And, as with Oklahoma, many of the Companions wish to go back to the undignified ritual which has been discarded, forgetting that it is not necessary to humiliate and injure a candidate in order to exalt him."

Canada is favourably reviewed, our colleague saying:—

"135 Chapters were represented. Some of their names remind us of the tribes that are passing away: Cataraqui, Wawanosh,

Algonquin, Madoc, etc. The address of the Grand Z. is a business paper. There are no eloquent platitudes therein.

"The scissors men will find nothing here over which to become enthusiastic. He ignored certain physical disabilities, saying, 'I consider mental and moral qualifications much more important than physical qualifications.'

"Being of the opinion that few read the quotations in our reviews, I rarely indulge in that direction, but the following from Companion Ponton's 'Foreword' is so much to the point, clear and logical, and so much in sympathy with my own views, that I feel it advisable to set it out."

He is much interested in the DeMolay movement and is not altogether favourable to their *modus operandi*.

Under Colorado he says and quotes:—

"He is of the opinion that the DeMolay boys look on themselves as Masons in posse. And he continues:

"'More than ninety per cent. of the members of the Order of DeMolay believe, at least on their admission, that it is simply a stepping stone or threshold to the Masonic degrees. They believe that they have some rights in the Masonic fraternity accruing to them from their connection with the DeMolay, and if the Order is under the official protection of any Masonic body it would seem that their position is in some way justified. It almost puts us in the position, in some cases, of telling a sixteen-year old boy he can be a Mason.'

"In the DeMolay Chapter, talking with the boys and others, I always try to impress upon them the fact that they are in no way connected with Masonry, have no claims on the Fraternity, and if they desire later to join they must do so of their own free will and take a chance with a black ball like anyone else.

"There is one serious objection to the order. And that is the red tape methods of keeping and sending reports, and the almost insolent and personally intimate details they ask for in some of their questionnaires.

"There is also too much commercialism apparent at this early date in its history. But probably, that is due to the spirit of the times. The organization is a praiseworthy one. Whether it will prevail depends on developments. Not being a pessimist, I hope it will continue to grow, and that those at the head of the organization will rather consider manhood and sterling personality than dollars and cents. I must confess they charge too much for everything they do or furnish."

Some of the States print a complete roll of the membership of each Chapter, as to which under Florida he says:—

"Commenting under New Mexico on its complete roster, he suggests that:

“Fully half of the book is given to a detailed list of membership, specially valuable for mail order business, and which causes one to wonder if a Correspondence Report would not have a greater educational value?”

OREGON.

George E. Swafford, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The biography of the Grand High Priest and the picture of a bright, keen, alert young face greets one at the opening. He is Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank of Oregon City, and also City Treasurer, and his biography says that “underneath his quiet exterior and unobtrusive personality there glowed the spirit of a real man and a real Mason.”

The Sixty-seventh Convocation was opened in Bend, April 11th, 1927.

The Grand High Priest of Washington was cordially welcomed.

Nine Past Grand High Priests lent dignity to the Grand East.

Canada was represented by Comp. Hugh B. Braydon.

To new members the Grand High Priest gives a word of encouragement:—

“Many of you are here for the first time, and I trust that no feeling of diffidence will prevent you from entering fully and freely into the deliberations of this Grand Chapter.”

Of those who have passed away he says:—

“We find ourselves less inclined to criticism, less inclined to speak the kindly word, and more inclined to extend the hand of friendship.”

The Grand High Priest with a team had exemplified the Royal Arch Degree in Seattle.

He attended a great gathering in British Columbia January 10th, 1927, and thus describes the event:—

“The scene was beautiful and inspiring beyond description, one which I shall never forget, but which I shall cherish in memory as long as I shall live, and with pride.

“This was, with one exception, the largest Masonic meeting ever held in British Columbia, and the good-will, friendliness and fraternal regard, shown by all, were an inspiration to those who were fortunate enough to be present.

“I believe that these interchanges of fraternal visits accomplish a great good, in breaking down the walls of provincialism, in pro-

moting a better understanding of our common problems, in broadening our acquaintanceship and in lengthening and strengthening the chain of fraternal brotherhood."

On falling membership he comments, as do all other Rulers of the Royal Craft:—

"As an orchardist trims and prunes and removes all dead wood from his trees to keep them healthy and to control their proper growth, we may assume that those Chapters which have resorted to the pruning knife and removed the dead wood of uninterested members are in a healthier condition for so doing, but it is regrettable that this should be necessary. Now, Companions, some one is to blame for this condition. Perhaps it is I; perhaps it is you; more likely all of us are somewhat to blame."

Of the necessity for teaching and establishing proficiency he well says:—

"Masonic material is not worn out by work, but rather increases in strength and usefulness, and that Chapter is happiest and most prosperous whose members are all employed as frequently as possible on some Masonic task.

"The method of advancement countenances an ignorance of our obligations, our ritualistic ceremonies, pass-words, signs and formation of groups, that is lamentable. Knowledge gained by absorption is as valuable as that gained in the public schools and colleges, but it is not the way you and I received our education, and at best it is slow and uncertain.

"The Chapter occupies so exalted a position, its lessons are so important and its ceremonies signify so much, that it seems to me something should be done to require some proficiency from the candidate."

Of public discussions in connection with the ballot he disapproves:—

"It seems to me that there can be no good reason, and rather that harm will result from any discussion any time, anywhere, of the result of any ballot upon any petition.

He thus concludes in the good spirit of carrying on:—

"I have no intention, however, of laying aside the working tools of my profession. On the contrary, whatever knowledge and experience I have acquired during the year will always be at the disposal of the Royal Craft."

Membership, 7,131. Net gain, 34.

Comp. Dunn, Grand Ortaor, delivered a searching address on "WHY?" from which we make the following extracts:—

A proper understanding and appreciation of these seven degrees will not only fit us for understanding and performing any Masonic duty, but will fit us for our civic duties and enable us to assume those responsibilities imposed upon us by our constitution.

"The great discoveries and inventions that have been made in the past few years have tended to disrupt the regular order of business. Our homes in many instances are well nigh deserted a great portion of the time. Those homely virtues taught us as youths about the family fireside have given place to the movie.

"It would seem that the paramount duty of our great Order is to help protect and preserve the homes and home life of our people; to bring to the youth of our land a knowledge of the duties and responsibilities that they must soon assume. We cannot delegate this duty to the hired teacher, who, perchance, may be imbued with visionary ideas that will not stand the test of time."

A motion to make the Order of High Priesthood an essential for Past High rank was not adopted.

The Jurisprudence Committee as well as the Grand High Priest recommended the abolition of the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, and this was approved and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Grand Chapter thanked not merely the ladies of the city but also the boys of DeMolay for many courtesies. This is a new note.

David A. Clark, of Ottawa, represents Oregon.

The Capitular Reviewer is Walter O. Haines, who prefaces his Report of visitations by this verse of Edgar Guest:—

"At first the portal slips ajar
In answer to your ringing,
And then your eyes meet friendly eyes,
And wide the door goes swinging.
And something seems to stir the soul,
However troubled be you.
If but the cheery host exclaims,
'Come in, we're glad to see you.'"

From his introduction we take the following:—

"There is evidence that a feeling of antagonism is being aroused because of the number of societies being formed which base their membership upon Masonry in some of its forms or seek to be allied to Masonry through sponsoring or other affiliation.

"While no one questions the excellence of these bodies or their aims, there is a very serious question in their effect upon Masonry.

"Like leeches fastened upon the body weaken it by drawing from it the most vital part, so these Fraternal Leeches weaken our

Masonic Bodies by drawing upon our membership and diverting the attention of those who join them from any study or consideration of the principles of Masonry.

"May the time come when the privilege of confining their membership to Masons may be denied these parasitical bodies."

Alberta, as in other Jurisdictions, receives much attention and this is quoted and commented on with approval:—

"The focus of his receptive mind has been perverted from the sublime to the ridiculous. We cannot raise men to a higher plane than our own level; neither can we have good successful Chapters unless we are more enthusiastic ourselves. I sometimes think we are in need of a new vision."

Canada receives friendly notice. Grand Z. Davis' pronouncement that physical disability should not be a bar to Masonic advancement is thus approved:—

"Gradually this view is being adopted throughout Grand Chapters generally and will some day be the accepted rule."

To the Reports on our Grand Superintendents he gives unstinted praise:—

"The information furnished to the members of the Grand Chapter and the Craft is most valuable and gives the basis for proper and intelligent consideration of matters pertaining to Chapters.

"So far we have found no Grand Chapter in the United States with any method of visiting and caring for the Chapters that compares with that used by our Canadian Companions."

Of our own Review and of the proposed enforced reduction of our pages he kindly says:—

Companion Ponton in the Review of Sister Jurisdictions, gives his Companions much for perusal and thought. Each Jurisdiction receives his full attention and everything worthy of note is commented on.

"If anything is to be eliminated let it be something else.

"We wish every Royal Arch Mason in Oregon could read Companion Ponton's report. Such a wealth of information and pertinent comment is contained in it that it is like reading the year's history in the Capitular world."

He does not think that members are being rushed through the Chapter at any faster rate than any other Grand Bodies and says with regard to this and also with regard to those adjuncts of Masonry, of which he has not very high opinion and expresses himself frankly accordingly:—

“The scramble for membership is just as great, if not greater, in the Blue Lodge than in the Chapter and Commandery. We cannot see how the Grand Lodges can justify the position that it is all right to rush candidates through the Lodge as fast as possible and all wrong to take them into the Chapter without waiting a year.

“Already there is a feeling being made manifest that an end must be made of barnacles attaching themselves to the Masonic ship. Personally we believe that a number of the barnacles attached could be rubbed off with the very best results to Masonry.”

From Massachusetts he culls this:—

“These are among the reasons why Masonry clings to Freedom of Thought as one of the great guarantees of liberty, and why she keeps her eternal vigil against any infringement upon this instinctive human right.”

He does not believe in the general authority formerly claimed but we understand not now asserted of the General Grand Chapter and says under Tennessee in answering Comp. Smart:—

“So far we cannot find a single instance of any Grand Chapter granting any power to the General Grand Chapter and the Edict in question was entirely outside any law of the General Grand Chapter.

“Further, we believe the General Grand Chapter should be re-organized on the basis of what IT IS and not what General Grand High Priests and others think it ought to be and IS NOT.”

He concludes his Review with the following suggestions and encouragement:—

“We sometimes think that Grand High Priests do not realize the fund of information accumulated by Grand Correspondents during their reviews of the various proceedings and, therefore, fail to make use of the Correspondents to any great extent.

“We have enjoyed the many comments and constructive criticisms, and we have found no other.”

PENNSYLVANIA.

George P. Darrow, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Quarterly Communication was held in the great Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, March 4th, 1926, with the four Past Grand High Priests whose names are household words, always present, Wells, McConnell, Jr., Quinby and Core.

Samuel Shaw faithfully represented Canada, as is his wonted custom. R. J. Reade represents Pennsylvania.

Grand Secretary Quinby read a beautiful In Memoriam tribute.

Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters were opened and the degrees exemplified by the Instructors of the Capitular Schools.

Quarterly Communication was held June 3rd, when Edgar A. Tennis delivered an In Memoriam address, commencing with this verse:—

“God made man an earthly habitation,
The body soil in which the soul might grow.
This little life is but the preparation
The soul must know.
And then some day man’s errors overcome him,
The body fails, the soul is wise,
And then the God that takes one small world from him
Gives him the skies.”

Quarterly Communication was held December 2nd.

Visitors from many Grand Jurisdictions testified to the broad-visioned hospitality of Pennsylvania. M. Ex. Comp. Dunstan and this Reviewer received a home greeting.

The total receipts netted the handsome sum of \$52,192, showing what a wonderful Jurisdiction this is.

Grand Chapter deferred recognition both of New Zealand and Queensland, but established relations with New South Wales.

Walton K. Swetland was elected Grand High Priest, August P. Kunzig, Grand King, and Thomas M. McKee, Grand Scribe.

Then Representatives of all the distinguished guests addressed Grand Chapter in felicitous terms, our own Comp. Dunstan being particularly happy.

The Proceedings do not indicate what followed, namely, the Banquet, which none can forget under the intellectual and genial leadership of M. Ex. Comp. Darrow.

At the annual Grand Communication December 27th, Comp. Darrow addressed Grand Chapter in worthy words. At the end of his two years' administration he says the sands in the hour glass are running low, but his living message shows that his vitality is unimpaired. He acknowledges gratefully the co-operation of his Companions in his place of power and privilege and responsibility.

"The holding of a District Meeting once a year in each District has become a fixed policy of Grand Chapter. To attend all of them is a heavy tax upon the time and endurance of a Grand Officer, but I thought last year, as I think now, there is no progress without service. There can be no Masonry without service."

"It is this kind of teamwork all around that is the magician's wand that alone can make our Chapters what they should be, and what they can be, and what they will be if these means are continually applied. They have taught us two important lessons: the lesson of self-help, and the lesson of giving help to and receiving help from others.

"We want our Masonry to appeal to intelligent men and be a real vital power for good in the world—a power that will keep alive our sense of duty and express it in our visible conduct."

The Grand High Priest visited many other Grand Jurisdictions, and of Comp. Sweetland's visit to us as his Representative we gladly read:—

"The Grand King advises me that he was accorded every possible courtesy while in Canada, and states that our interchange of visits has cemented the cordial relations with this foreign Jurisdiction. He was especially pleased to have the good fortune of witnessing the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree by St. Albans Chapter. As to his visitation to the Grand Chapter, he speaks of the glowing compliment paid to the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, its age and importance in Masonic history. A signal honour was conferred upon the Grand King through an invitation to take part in the installation of the newly elected officers. He reports 'Canada' as being in a flourishing condition, both numerically and financially, and indicates that peace and harmony reign throughout the Grand Jurisdiction."

It was with great gratification that Pennsylvania was proclaimed oldest Grand Chapter in America at the visit to Boston.

We cannot resist reproducing this wonderful tribute to the embodiment of genial efficiency, Joseph Quinby, of whom the Grand High Priest says:—

“Here I venture to ask you to stop with me for a gaze at the real power, a blending of ancient traditions, and modern endeavour, an open service that gives the work which we do for others additional vigor and efficiency because it is a work of love and pleasure no less than duty. But mere words fail to paint the service and perfect co-operation of Companion Quinby. My love and admiration for him and for his helpfulness knows no bounds. Our

“Friendship like a noble river
Rolls its peaceful waters by;
Tempest tossed and troubled never,
Gliding to eternity.”

Two whole pages are given to the duties and responsibilities of Secretaries who are brought into contact with the Grand Secretary on every possible opportunity.

He says that much of the power and responsibility of the Grand High Priest is transmitted through the District Deputies to whom, and to all, he says inspiringly:—

“Franklin, the Mason, and the greatest of our diplomats, tells us of a text of Scripture which passed through his mind when he was presented at the Court of Versailles. It was a text his father used to quote him in the old candle shop in Boston when he was a boy.

“‘Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before Kings.’”

“The Grand High Priest has been most fortunate in having Deputies who measure up to these standards. They are learned in the ritual and the law, they are diplomats and diligent, and I am very grateful to them for their loyalty and co-operation.”

He applies the following to the Instructors of Grand Chapter:—

“In his inaugural address, 1921, our beloved Companion, the late President Harding said: ‘Service is the supreme commitment of life. I would rejoice to proclaim the era of the golden rule and crown it with the autocracy of service.’”

Then we read one of those noble visions of the ideals of the Craft and the Royal Craft in his conclusion, which may inspire us as well as his own Grand Chapter:—

“It is not a religion in the sense that it is interested in creeds, but it is a religion in the sense that it believes in religious ideas and religious ideals. It is not a religion in the sense that it sets out to accomplish the salvation of the soul. It is a religion in the

sense that it sets out to accomplish the betterment of human kind.

"It does not lose itself in the maze of mere things. Every true Mason hears the call from the things that are to the things that are to be.

"Masonry is not political in the sense in which you and I may be partisan, but I do maintain there is a close relationship between Masonry and good citizenship to which our Craft must give attention if it is to fulfill its highest mission. A Mason who is not interested in the affairs of the State is an anomaly.

"Democracy, you must remember, lays a heavier burden on the individual conscience than any other form of government."

"There is no machine of human construction into which the wit and genius of man has entered that can go of itself without supervision. There are no wheels that will revolve without our help."

Grand High Priest Swetland lives 340 miles from Pennsylvania, but he says that the future beckons, and that he will not be weary in well doing.

The Committee on Correspondence is composed of five members who divide the Grand Jurisdictions alphabetically. Canada falls to the friendly hands of John M. Core. The others are Comps. Brossman, Rushton, Bell and Edmundson. The Report is preceded by some most informing pages regarding the "Passing to the Chair" as a prerequisite for petitioning for Capitular Degrees. J. M. C. says:—

"The Lodge by a vote (majority only), agreed to act upon it, when the Brother was regularly 'passed to the Chair' by the same ceremony as a Master by election was installed. This has led to much confusion, and in some cases to positive embarrassment. For a number of years there has been a growing sentiment among Capitular Masons that the so-called Past Master's Degree has no place in the Capitular work, either as a pre-requisite for petitioning the Chapter or in the Chapter itself. It is purely an installation ceremony belonging exclusively to the Blue Lodge.

"Acting on this theory, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has now abolished it as pre-requisite for petitioning for the Capitular degrees.

"Originally in Pennsylvania, as elsewhere, the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by virtue of a Blue Lodge warrant. In fact, we followed the English precedent, where we are well persuaded that originally it was conferred as a part of the Master's Degree.

"The amendment now adopted places the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in the same position as the Grand Chapter of Canada, and in many respects in the same position as the Grand Chapter of England. Of course the Grand Chapter of England has no Mark Degree or Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree, while the Grand Chapter of Canada has both."

He agrees that a dispensation to set aside a constitutional requirement is indeed a **heroic** measure. With regard to the General Grand Chapter he says under Comp. Olney's report that it was about to become complete by the adding of Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia to the constituent Grand Chapters.

"Now that is real news. We wonder if Virginia has heard the glad tidings. This is the first intimation we in Pennsylvania have had. From the observation of an innocent by-stander it has seemed that the General Grand had about all it could manage to keep some of those already within the fold, from 'jumping the reservation.'"

He does not like the phrase used in California that "five out-door Royal Arch Degrees were "put on" during the year. Under Pennsylvania, he says, we do not "put on" Degrees—we confer them.

Canada is thus graphically introduced:—

"The Grand Chapter of Canada is before us, and we feel very much at home while reading it. We are welcomed by the kindly face of Companion Kenneth Jewell Dunstan, and he seems to say to us, 'Come right in and make yourself at home among your Companions.'"

Of Grand Z. Davis address he says:—

"He was rather liberal, from our point of view, with dispensations.

"A number of visitations are reported, among them one to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, which is so pleasantly remembered by the Companions of Pennsylvania."

And of our own Review we blush with pleasure as we read:—

"With this report before him, no Companion in Canada need be ignorant of what is actually going on in the Capitular world. It is by far the most complete report which we have received.

"Pennsylvania is accorded a most fraternal review. The reviewer has often been our honoured guest, and just recently bound still closed those ties which bind the Grand Chapters of Canada and Pennsylvania. We well remember his eloquent address at the Grand High Priest's dinner in December last.

"While visiting in Canada we got some excellent ideas on the Most Excellent Degree, which, by direction of the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, have now been embodied in our work."

And of Queensland he queries:—

"And we still wonder who is running Royal Arch Masonry in Queensland. Two Grand Chapters claiming jurisdiction and Eng-

land recognizing one of them, but retaining its own Chapters and reserving the right to establish others."

Under the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales we read:—

"This Grand Body is entirely independent of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

"The Mark Lodge seems to very largely control the Masonic Charities. At least at each Communication there is a long list of cases relieved. It would seem that this is one branch of Masonry which is putting into practice its teachings. A large fund is raised each year at what is termed a festival."

E. W. R. under Minnesota rallies to the landmarks as follows:—

"He notes our desire to keep true to the ancient landmarks and he adds: 'Keep 'em to a hair.'"

And quotes these lines under Mississippi:—

"He has not served who gathers gold,
Nor has he served whose life is told
In selfish battles he has won,
Or deeds of skill that he has done;
But he has served who now and then
Has helped along his fellow men."

He is touched by the poetry of falling statistics under Montana, as we are.

"Our year of service as overseer of the Capitular workings of our treasure State has been in the transition period from frenzied efforts of eleventh hour workmen seeking employment in our quarries and vineyards and the period of heaving into rubbish stones truly unfit for the builder's use, and the culling period of the dead limbs from our fruit-bearing trees; between the periods of overflow and drouth; between the days of mushroom-growth of quantity and the revitalizing growth in quality."

H. J. B. under Ohio speaks thus of our true objective:—

"In seeking for an answer he says, 'Is it only to build splendid temples' or 'is it greatly to increase our roll of membership' or 'is it to meet and function as a social order, to confer degrees and exchange greetings of fellowship,' and concludes by saying 'I am sorry if any or all of these be our only definite objective.'

"But there remains that tested, tried and loyal percentage who have cultivated a wider vision and a deeper insight into the real objective of Masonry."

He says under Quebec:—

“The custom of attending Divine services in a body is one not familiar to Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masons, but it seems to be a practice by which much good could come to the Craft.”

E. E., Jr., speaks of the stability of Pennsylvania,—

“Pennsylvania Grand Chapter is ‘sot in her ways,’ and one may not expect sensationalism or thrills to appear in the Proceedings, to afford an opportunity for a reporter to secure a ‘slam.’”

Of the responsibility of the foundation he speaks:—

“Masonic affairs seem to be drifting to a point when Grand Lodge will have to take drastic measures to retain the ancient spirit of the Fraternity.”

Membership, 59,925.

Then follow two sermons preached by W. H. Spence, D.D., in the First Presbyterian Church at Uniontown, the first delivered to the District meeting, which ought to be in the hands of every thoughtful Royal Craftsman. The subject of the first was “I Will Be,” or the “Inexhaustible Name.” Space will only permit of two extracts:—

“Now, in the text, God is *replying* to Moses’ objections—‘Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you, and they shall say unto me, What is His name? What shall I say unto them?’

“Everything considered, the name for deity here is better translated by our verb ‘*to become*,’ than by our verb ‘*to be*.’ That is—by the *future* tense, rather than by the *present*. Consequently the best Hebrew scholars translate this self-given name of Jehovah, not ‘I Am That I Am,’ but, ‘I Will Be What I Will Be.’”

For the second sermon he took for his text, “It doth not yet appear what we shall be.” One citation must suffice:—

“What we shall enter upon there will be determined by our measure of preparation for it while here.

“That is so rational it should give us pause.

“Take a South African savage, untutored in our civilization, ignorant of and with no taste for its finer things, and compel him to live in it—would he be comfortable and happy? It would be hell to him. His very bettered environment would be his undoing—no fitness, no taste for it in him!”

QUEBEC.

M. Ex. Companion A. B. J. Moore, Grand Z.

The Fiftieth Annual Convocation was held in Montreal, 23rd March, 1927.

Five Past Grand Z.'s graced the Grand East.

The Grand Representative of Canada, that distinguished Mason, J. A. Cameron, was unable to be present.

Quebec is represented by our old friend and former Grand Correspondent, Edward B. Brown, K.C.—

A galaxy of distinguished visitors were introduced and cordially greeted with the inimitable flavour of Irish hospitality so well exemplified by Grand Z. Moore.

M. Ex. Companions Dunstan and Ponton represented our Jurisdiction.

Grand Master Hagar, of Quebec, made his last formal visitation, being called above by the Great Companion shortly afterwards.

The address of the Grand First Principal of course began by extending "Cead Mille Failthe" to all from the heart.

The illness and consequent absence of two beloved Past Grand First Principals was noted, namely, M. Ex. Comp. Chambers and M. Ex. Comp. Kinghorn.

Referring to the death of M. Ex. Comp. Stanton this tribute is paid:—

"Never have the beautiful teachings of the 'North-east corner' been more bountifully exemplified than in the life of M. Ex. Comp. Geo. O. Stanton.

"His gentle, kind and lovable disposition (which we should endeavour to emulate), endeared him to all his Companions and his removal from our midst is keenly felt."

A new Chapter called Kipawa was instituted in Temiskaming and in the account of his visit to that true north the Grand Z. says:—

"At the close of the ceremony we were entertained at a banquet which would have done credit to a Ritz Carlton."

Referring to interchange of visits with Vermont, he says:—

"Such visits as these from Chapters south of the imaginary line are really to be commended, for as Lord Willingdon has recently said: 'If we work together for the common purpose and for

good we will raise the spirit soul of Canada and arrive nearer the ideal brotherhood of all nations of the world."

As we well know, he visited with R. Ex. Comp. Eckhardt and R. Ex. Comp. Williamson, the mother Grand Chapter at Ottawa, of which he kindly says:—

"Needless to say Canadian hospitality was in evidence and when we were welcomed by such a man as Kenneth J. Dunstan we felt we stood before a typical gentleman and an ardent Mason. Many familiar faces did we see and meet in Ontario and we were glad to note that a short bridge only divided us from our own Province."

From his conclusion we take these worthy thoughts:—

"The crux of the situation however is: Are we living up to the glorious ideals which have been perpetuated?"

"To my mind it is not gold braid plus a gift of oratory or even a retention of ritualistic work which tends to forward the true tenets of our Order, but rather a sincere democratic spirit of comradeship one to another."

Membership, 3,556. Net gain, 139.

M. Ex. Comps. Dunstan, Ponton and Harris acted as Scrutineers of the Ballot. M. Ex. Comp. Moore being unanimously re-elected.

Confronted with all the difficulties of illness, Comp. Chambers reviewed all but twenty Jurisdictions with a courage and vigor which has always distinguished him.

In his review of Canada we read:—

"It must have been with considerable pride that M. Ex. Comp. Davis drew the attention of Grand Chapter to the fact that its 153 subordinate Chapters and 25,650 Companions have sprung from the 'eight earnest Royal Arch Masons who met on the 19th January, 1857, in Hamilton and formed the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"Under the heading 'Masonic Courtesies,' he said:—

"I wish to convey my thanks to the Grand Chapter of Quebec for kindly waiving Jurisdiction, to allow Brethren from Temiskaming, Quebec, to receive Capitular degrees at Cobalt."

He quotes largely from the excellent report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry. He says of our Review that he did not find one of the pages which is dull or uninteresting. We pray for his early restoration to health and strength.

He quotes this from Colorado:—

"At this celebration a number of admirable addresses were delivered, one of which ended with a quotation that included the fol-

lowing appealing lines, that doubtless expresses the yearning of many, many minds:—

“I wish there was some wonderful place
 Called the Land of Beginning Again,
 Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
 And all of our poor, selfish grief
 Could be dropped like a shabby, old coat at the door
 And never be put on again.”

And this from the District of Columbia:—

“It may be said that I am still dealing with ideals, describing an idealized condition. It may be true that I am still striving for the unattainable, but our Companions must remember that no teacher can impart knowledge to another unless there is back of his teaching a firm belief within himself in the truth of the lessons intended to be taught.”

North Dakota always gives something to cull and this he garners:—

“If we sit down at set of sun,
 And count the things that we have done,
 And counting, find
 One self-denying act, one word
 That eased the heart of him who heard,
 One glance most kind,
 That fell like sunshine where it went,
 Then we may count the day well spent.”

From the veteran, Joseph W. Eggleston, of Virginia, he takes this comment:—

“We try never to lose sight of the two sons of the Arkansas man, both of whom made large fortunes by different methods. One by attending strictly to his own business and the other by letting other people’s business alone. If we cannot do the one as we should, we can at least do the other.”

QUEENSLAND.

John Andrew Miles, M.E. Grand First Principal.

The address of Grand Scribe E. Thomas C. Moxley is Chasmay, Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo.

A Regular Convocation was held at Brisbane, 29th April, 1926.

The library of the late M. Comp. Spears was purchased for Grand Chapter.

Dispensation was granted to Advance and Acknowledge a Brother on the same evening.

The Grand First Principal gave an interesting lecture on Opportunity.

Fraternal greetings were tendered by the representatives of several Grand Chapters in person or by special message.

A Regular Convocation was held at Brisbane, 29th October, 1926, when a letter from Victoria was read as to the claim for recognition as the "Supreme authority in Royal Arch Masonry within the limits of your State." While they deem it inopportune to accede to this request, they emphasize the affectionate regard in which all Queensland Companions are held.

The Proceedings of Canada are acknowledged.

The question of the amalgamation of the two Supreme Bodies claiming sovereign Grand Jurisdiction was discussed at length, and the report was referred back to the Grand Committee for further consideration with the following words by the President:—

"I think that all of us from the M.E. Grand First Principal down, in our hearts really desire peace. Many of us remembered the eighteen years of fighting we had in Blue Masonry before amalgamation took place there. If we are out for Union we must bring something forward which we could debate. There had been many pinpricks in the past, but we should forget them and go ahead.

"We should bear and forbear, give and take. I am delighted with the discussion that has taken place and hope that we will soon have peace."

The Grand Inspector of Workings in his Report says:—

"Up to the present I have not been impressed with the punctuality shown in opening at the appointed time. Calling a meeting for 7.30 p.m. and not opening until 7.50 and even 8 o'clock does not tend to promote punctuality and proficiency in the members."

From the Grand First Principal's address we take the following:—

"The knowledge that one finds amongst the members of the history of Freemasonry, its connection with the earliest history of the world, and the fact that those ancients have handed down to us the fundamental principles of our Order is a pleasure to listen to.

"The general increase in our numbers, and the way everyone is seeking information, and sometimes asking embarrassing questions is very encouraging, and leaves a feeling that Freemasonry

is a power for good wherever it is, and must be leading to a more enlightened and a better state of existence, and there will come a day, if Freemasonry will only persevere, when the world will be governed by the principles laid down through all the ages by the teachers of Freemasonry."

The Grand Scribe E. thus closes his Report on Visitations:—

"The M.E. Grand First Principal during the six months has travelled 4,700 miles, paying all his own expenses, except the visit to Victoria. Grand Chapter is deeply indebted to him for the assistance he has given."

There is no Correspondence Review.

RHODE ISLAND, 1926.

M.E. Grand High Priest Donald E. Spears.

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation was held in Providence, March 9th, 1926.

We note with pleasure our old friend Wilbur A. Scott doing active duty in many capacities. Also Norris G. Abbott, P.G.H.P., representing Canada.

Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were present. Distinguished visitors from Delaware, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Connecticut, New York and the General Grand Chapter were cordially welcomed. Rhode Island is concentrated in the intensity of its hospitality, as in its productiveness and size.

The Grand High Priest in his address said:—

"We are living in a progressive and aggressive age. Our Institution must keep pace with the age, if it is to live and prosper. We can succeed only as we go forward.

"The builder who first bridged Niagara's gorge,
Before he swung his cable, shore to shore,
Sent out across the gulf his venturing kite
Bearing a slender cord for unseen hands
To grasp upon the further cliff and draw
A greater cord, and then a greater yet;
Till at the last across the chasm swung
The cable—then the mighty bridge in Air!

"So we may send our little timid thought
Across the void,
And—we are anchored to the Infinite!"

"We have been too prone in the past to allow our candidates to manage the Chapters, that is, allowing them to arrange their own convenience in receiving their different degrees. The last few years

has been a decided change for the better in this respect, and the past year, Dispensations for the benefit of candidates were conspicuous by their absence.

"We must all buckle on our working clothes and labour for a new co-operative spirit among Chapter members, never for a moment admitting that the Capitular degrees are but stepping-stones for higher honours, but proving by exemplary and dignified renditions of Capitular Ritual that the student of Masonry, and all Masons should be students in this respect, will be so profoundly impressed by our important additions to his Masonic knowledge that he will always have the interests of his Chapter at heart and will gladly do his share to advance its cause and interests."

He gives a very vivid and complete description of the Washington Monument, to which all Grand Chapters are subscribing. There are nine stories in all with elevators and view points.

Membership, 10,095. Net gain, 333.

Comp. Abbott, Chairman of the Special Committee on Ritual, notes that the work has been so condensed as to materially shorten the time required for conferring the degrees. This reviewer has consistently urged the advisability of this in Canada.

The veteran M. Walsh, of Ingersoll, represented Rhode Island with us.

The biography of M. Ex. Comp. Spears shows that he and his father and mother were born in Nova Scotia and come of good staunch, sturdy stock.

RHODE ISLAND, 1927.

M.E. Grand High Priest Fred. W. Hilton.

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Convocation of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held in Providence, March 8th, 1927. The next will be held in Providence March 13th, 1928.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were honoured at the altar.

Canada was again, as usual, faithfully represented by M.E. Norris G. Abbott.

Distinguished visitors from the whole vicinity were welcomed, including New Jersey, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and General Grand High Priest Hamilton himself.

From the business-like address of Grand High Priest Hilton we gather that a Chapter requested permission to confer the full M.E. Degree on a candidate in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The Grand High Priest refused them as follows:—

“The suggestion was made that the officers of Newport Chapter might, during a fraternal visit to Adoniram Chapter, at the request of the Chapter, assume the several stations and exemplify the M.E. Degree, using as a candidate any member of Newport Chapter who might be in attendance. Attention was called to the fact that such a programme should first have the approval of the Grand High Priest of Massachusetts.”

With regard to the George Washington Memorial,—

“I was much impressed with the serious efforts put forth by the officers and members of the Board of Directors, of the Association, to raise the necessary funds and carry to completion this important project.”

The estimated cost has now risen to \$4,000,000 with an endowment fund of \$1,000,000.

Membership, 10,298. Net gain, 203.

From the Grand Lecturer's report we make the following extract:—

“I have noted from long observation that certain officers take an indifferent attitude during their term in minor positions which seriously handicaps the High Priest in presenting good work. If such Companions would only realize that they are doing their Chapter an injustice and would think ahead to the time when they in turn will require the support of their line officers I am sure that it would benefit all concerned.”

In the memorial to M. Ex. S. Penrose Williams, a Mason well known throughout New England, the Committee say:—

“Probably no member of our Fraternity had a more intimate knowledge or better appreciation of the rituals, the symbolism and the jurisprudence of Masonry. In these matters he held positive convictions and was well capable of upholding his opinions in temperate but forcible and convincing language.”

Wilbur Allan Scott, P.G.H.P., was nominated as a candidate for the line of officers of General Grand Chapter held in Denver.

Providence Chapter, No. 1, constituted in 1793, is probably the largest in the world. Its present membership is 4,179.

From the Minutes of the Convention of Anointed High Priests we find the following interesting information as to the origin of the Order:—

“The origin and authenticity of the Order of High Priesthood seems fully settled. That Thomas Smith Webb and his co-advisers Benjamin Hurd, Jr., and James Harrison, were the true authors of the Order; that it dates from the 10th day of January, 1799, at which time it was adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and became a part of the constitutional regulations and requirements of Royal Arch Masonry, so far as the authority of the General Grand Chapter extended, and remained such, and as a prerequisite to installation into the chair of High Priest of a Chapter.

“The Order was originally conferred as a part of the installation of the High Priest-elect, all of the Companions, except High Priests and Past High Priests, retiring from the Chapter Room during his part of the ceremonies of installation; but later the separate organization of a Council with us called a Convention, took place.

“And Companion Hacker concludes that no single order or degree of Masonry can be traced so successfully to the source from whence it came; that has in it more of the elements of sublimity and impressiveness and that is more scripturally and Masonically appropriate for that for which it was intended, than has this Order of High Priesthood.”

SASKATCHEWAN.

Edwin Pinkerton, M.E. Grand Z.

His biography shows that he was born in Leeds County, Ontario, and was Mayor of Yorkton for two years. Here is a suggestive summary of his charm and virtues worthy of emulation:—

“Difficulties melt away in the path of his smile. Should a disagreeable matter arise in Lodge, he brings a mind as serene as his face appears in the accompanying cut and before one knows what has happened the difficulty is gone and everybody is smiling. If you couple with his serenity, extreme modesty you will complete the picture. Long may he move among us breathing good will.”

The Fourth Annual Convocation was held in Regina, February 16th, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. De Roche expressed appreciation for courtesies extended.

The Grand Z.'s address is brief and to the point. Let us quote a few sentences:—

"Meeting as we do in the beautiful City of Regina, the cradle of Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan, may we feel the touch of brotherhood afresh.

"A net gain of membership of 10 indicates a healthy condition of the Craft, but it is of much more importance that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Jurisdiction, and that officers and Companions are showing an increased enthusiasm in the work of the Order.

"Some were wont to meet with us in former years, but have since our last Convocation passed to where 'whether their toil began at daybreak or at evening twilight, we are assured that wages equal to their merit will be issued to them.

"For 'within those fair celestial regions,
Felt no more is sorrows' bitter blast."

He recorded having issued commission to R. Ex. Comp. Bernard Cairns to represent Saskatchewan in Canada.

George B. McLeod, Supreme Grand Master of The Sovereign Great Priory sent this message:—

"We are very conscious of not only the close alliance, but the closer relationship which exists between these two great branches of Masonry wherein the one is so dependent upon the other."

Membership, 2,568. Net gain, 10.

The Grand Scribe E. says:—

"This office tries to help the Chapters out in every way it can but I would like to draw attention to 'Dispensations.' These are not kept in stock by the Grand Scribe E. to be sent out by return mail. When asking for a dispensation the Chapter should give full particulars as well as a little time so as to enable the Grand Z. to give the matter consideration."

From the Report on the Condition of Masonry we take the following:—

"Your Committee begs to report that the good ship 'Capitular Masonry' set off to a good start with its motto '*Agendo Spectamus*' flying from its mast head. This motto, your Committee being free and accepted Masons rather than Classical Scholars, interprets very freely, as 'Progress' and submits that our good ship has made considerable progress for the year 1926.

"We have the honour to advise that each and everyone of them be 'called to the rank of their great and glorious ancestors' and permitted to sojourn amongst us as Worthy Past Grand Superintendents.

"Your Committee hopes that the large decrease in the distribution of Benevolence by the constituent Chapters is not due to their overlooking 'that Most Excellent gift of Charity.' Benevolence is not a dream of rapture for the fancy to indulge in but a serious business for the hand to execute.

"And Chiefly for the weaker by the Wall
You bore that lamp of sane benevolence."

"Our more likely conclusion is that fewer of our Companions have had need of help; that in this grand and glorious Province of ours each Companion is learning to stand more firmly on his own feet.

"Your Committee feels that this report is hardly complete without a survey and report of its Sister Grand Chapters and its Grand Old Mother, the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"We cannot overlook one quotation from the Report of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which we deem quite pertinent to our Grand Chapter.

"Both have provided us, not only with a definite source of inspiration and encouragement, but also with all those attributes which are essential to a true Mason. So that we may say of each of them:

"Kindliness is in all his steps,
Truth in his eye,
In all his gestures—Brotherhood."

With regard to the Fraternal Dead the Committee well say:—

"Diligently and faithfully they wrought in the quarries; gladly they laboured in the building of the earthly Tabernacle; humbly have they presented their work to the Grand Overseer. And now they have traversed the vaulted chambers of Death; they have passed through the darkness into the light of Glory; and at the Heavenly altar the infinite secrets have been unveiled unto them."

Canada's Grand Representative, our own M. Ex. Comp. Arthur S. Gorrell, of Regina, was not present.

In addressing the Grand Representatives the Grand Z. said:—

"Perhaps some of the Grand Jurisdictions may vary in form, in symbols or in practice, but the one good characteristic stands out in triumphal unanimity—that we all base our belief in the eternal foundation of truth and wisdom, the Holy Bible."

R. Ex. Comp. J. O. Clarke was elected Grand Z.

Grand Master W. J. Smith delivered an able and searching address. Space only permits us to quote the following:—

"Where is the discovery to be made? Well, given that attitude of mind which the sojourners from Babylon displayed when they replied: 'Any to which your Excellencies may appoint.' The discovery shall be made. This is not a Christian organization, at least membership is not restricted to Christians; and while I would not force my convictions on anyone, yet I am satisfied that only those who in one way or another can accept the teachings that the Kingdom of God, is within you, only such can fully appreciate

the underlying teachings of this supreme degree in Masonry. The Sojourners were sent out to unveil the pedestal and behold the Ineffable Name. It is in the Kingdom of God within them they discover God.

“He who espouses perfection
Must follow the threefold plan
Of Soul and Mind and Body
To compass the stature of man.”

“Yes, and there comes to us all the problem that we cannot solve. And, do I haughtily reject what I, the great egotist, cannot comprehend, then I lack that humility which exalts. It is supreme egotism which smothers faith.”

Francis B. Reilly is both Grand Secretary and Grand Correspondent and presents a comprehensive Review. Of Canada he says:—

This our mother Grand Chapter continues to hold its place in the forefront of the Grand Chapters. Three new Chapters were consecrated and dedicated.

“The Committee on Condition of Royal Arch Masonry present a very readable report from which we quote a sample: ‘The need for equal caution in the selection of our officers and leaders.’ ‘He who would wear the spurs must first win them’ applies here very forcibly.

“Rigid adherence to the obligation to serve carries its own reward, leads at last to the goal of serene satisfaction, and contributes in no small measure to the ultimate success of the Chapter.

“The Review is by our old friend Colonel Ponton, and in 332 pages gives very interesting comment written in his usual flowery style yet full of pungent criticism and is one of the most readable reviews received.”

He quotes this from the District of Columbia:—

“The Grand High Priest is somewhat of an idealist, he says: ‘I have a vision of the time when the officers of a Chapter, from the lowest to the highest will be engaged earnestly in a study of how they can best promote, encourage and foster so true a spirit of fraternity that each of them will, in some degree, be a leader, in making all Masonry a more vital and helpful source of strength in the community, the state and the nation.’

“May he be a good prophet!”

Under Indiana he finds this thought, with which we close:—

“We have been losing war time fervor, but eight years should be sufficient to reach normalcy. Companions we will have to wake up, find the remedy for this malady, and cure it.”

SCOTLAND.

Most Excellent Companion The Earl of Cassillis,
Grand Z.

John Todd, Depute Grand Z.

George A. Howell, Grand Scribe E.

A Quarterly Convocation was held in Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh, 17th September, 1926. Several Companions sent apologies for absence. This is a courteous custom of Scotland and we note the Earl of Elgin particularly observes this duty.

The Companions being upstanding, the First Grand Principal referred in feeling terms to the death of Colonel Peter Spence, a loyal and faithful supporter of Supreme Grand Chapter.

Representatives from Victoria, New South Wales and Arizona were cordially welcomed.

The far-famed letter from New Zealand severing relationships, (with a copy of the edict), was read and wisely referred to the next meeting.

A letter was also read from Western Australia.

The reply to New Zealand stated among other things:—

"It may be permissible to express the view that the step which has been taken by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand would appear, in view of the concluding part of the second paragraph of your letter, to have been entered upon with regrettable impulsiveness and lack of strict regard for existing circumstances.

"The position in the Philippine Islands arrived at between the General Grand Chapter of America and this Grand Chapter has had the indirect effect of letting loose an outpouring of unusual and unexpected language in the centre of New Zealand Royal Arch Masonry, and of precipitating action without apparently any trouble being taken to ascertain the facts and to understand the grounds on which that Agreement was arrived at.

"It is important to prominently keep in view that the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was on the ground in New Zealand many years before any idea of a Grand Chapter arose, and that its Chapters have been practising Royal Arch Masonry there during the whole period.

"The action of which you have given intimation having been taken by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand, the matter falls simply to be left where that Grand Chapter has placed it."

The report of the consecration at Mombassa was read and acknowledgments given to Most Ex. Comp. Sir John Barth, Chief Justice of Kenya, and to Sir P. Colville Smith, Grand Scribe E. of England, and escort, all of whom were present and aided in the success of this far distant Chapter.

Convocation was held 17th December, 1926. M.E. Comp. Dewar, Grand Representative of Manitoba, presented his commission.

An honorarium of 20 guineas was given the Grand Organist.

The Supreme Grand Committee met 18th February, 1927, and approved of new charters to Chapters in Western Australia and no less than five in New South Wales. This does not look as though this old Grand Chapter was decadent there. One also at each of the following places: Port Said, Calcutta, and Callao, Peru, illustrating the far-flung brother-line.

A. A. Murray presented two books to the Great Library, "Burns as a Volunteer," and "Burns from a New Point of View," by Crichton Browne.

The Grand Superintendent of New Zealand reports:—

"As far as can be ascertained, everything is in a most satisfactory condition in all the Chapters. All have had a successful year.

"I am pleased to state that the most pleasant relationship exists between the English, Irish, and our own Chapters."

Convocation held 4th March, 1927. The Companions being upstanding, the First Grand Principal paid a tribute to M.E. Comp. Mair, of Nairn, saying that "his will always be an honoured memory."

Of M.E. Comp. Crawford he sums up his virtues as follows: "He was a good and honest Mason, and a God-fearing man."

The general funds for year ending 12th February amount to £17,240, the Benevolent Fund to £17,747, and the War Relief Fund to £663.

From the Roll of Principals and Grand Superintendents we find that in Queensland, Scotland has four Chapters, in New South Wales a whole printed page of Chapters, in Western Australia five Chapters, in Tasmania six Chap-

ters, in New Zealand 13 Chapters, and one Military Chapter, the Royal Scots 2nd Battalion.

A list is also given of that with which we are not so familiar, namely, Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and Red Cross Councils.

The Supreme Grand Committee authorized the Earl of Cassillis to attend the Fortieth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Denver, which he did.

The Annual Convocation was held 21st March, 1927, being opened by a distant kinsman of this Reviewer, C. C. Nisbet, Past Depute Grand Z., who said:—

“On behalf of Supreme Grand Chapter, I desire to tender to your Lordship our further congratulations upon your again assuming office for another period. I can assure you that it is with great satisfaction that we look forward to your ruling over us for another year, for we know that you will continue to act with that wisdom, courtesy, and dignity which have been characteristic of you in previous years. We wish you a happy and prosperous reign.”

The conclusion of the meeting is thus recorded:—

“There being no other business, the Hymn of National Prayer, ‘Lord, while for all mankind we pray,’ was sung to the tune of St. Paul.”

Then came the great banquet of the Vernal Equinox at which Masonic jewels were worn but no Regalia. As usual the speeches were full of vitality and loyalty. We quote:—

“The First Grand Principal proposed the toast of ‘The Queen, the Duke of Rothesay, and the Royal Family.’ ‘It was with great pleasure that the senior regiment, of which Princess Mary is the Colonel-inChief, had a visit last week from Her Royal Highness. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York are doing splendid work for the Empire in our Dominions overseas, and are receiving a hearty welcome everywhere.’”

The proposal of “the Imperial Forces” was worthy:—

“The genius of the British nation is enshrined in those Imperial Forces which guard our water-ways, and which make safe throughout the length and breadth of the world the water-ways of all peoples, as was the case during the Great War so recently finished. The ‘Peace at any price’ argument which is often heard could only lead to eventual disaster. Peace, I certainly say, but keep your armaments in order. The passions of men remain, and it is essential that our Imperial Forces should be maintained. The old British Army was the nation in miniature. The last British Army was the nation in arms, and there are few homes in our

country which have not felt the loss of some one dear to them. My Lord and Companions, I ask you to be upstanding, and drink with me this important toast."

The response of M.E. Comp. General Mackenzie-Stuart, C.M.G., was fitting:—

"I am not in the present. I am among the things that have been. The Navy, the Army, and the Air Force, represent a great Trinity, and a Trinity that we cannot do without. These form a bond of union, and a great insurance for our great nation, for our great possessions, and for our scattered brethren throughout the Empire. Washington said in 17—I have not got the date. 'The evils of a standing army are remote, but the consequence of being without one is certain and inevitable ruin.'"

Comp. MacKean in proposing the Grand Chapter said:—

"As one who has had something to do with ruling Orders, I know the absence of personal intercourse is often-times responsible for misunderstandings which in time ripen into difficulties with foreign Constitutions."

We quote the following from the reply of the Grand First Principal:—

"In Scottish Masonry, though there is not the same interdependence between the Craft and the Royal Arch as there is in England, we work closely along the same lines as Grand Lodge. There is some difference in the matter of staffing. In this Grand Chapter all the Officers are elective, whereas in Grand Lodge the Grand Master Mason appoints his Depute and Substitute, a course which appears to have been a source of strength to Grand Lodge.

"Other Degrees or higher Degrees, as they are often described, however beautiful in themselves, are mainly Christian, and do not partake of the character of a universal science, such as are represented in the Craft and the Royal Arch."

He speaks also with appreciation of the celebration at Inverness from which this Reviewer's paternal forbears hail.

The District Grand Chapter of New South Wales controls 7,500 Royal Arch Masons.

He lightly touches the wording of the remonstrance of New Zealand who apparently at the time of severance quoted:—

"Then gently scan your fellow-man,
Still gentler sister woman."

The Lord Provost of Glasgow proposed the toast to Auld Reekie and its Lord Provost, both of them Royal Arch Masons of distinction. He said:—

“You know, in the King’s Speech there usually appears a paragraph which says:—‘Our relations with foreign powers continue to be friendly.’ Glasgow says in the same vein, ‘Our relations with Edinburgh continue to be friendly.’

“We bow to the City of Edinburgh as the seat of learning, the seat of art, the seat of science, and the seat of all those things which make for learning in this land of ours.

“A visitor was not impressed. At last his guide took him to John Knox’s house, and said, ‘This is the house where John Knox lived,’ only, however, to hear the man say, ‘And who was John Knox?’ At this the guide lost his temper altogether, and said, ‘Tuts, tuts, man, do you never read your Bible at a’?’”

In his reply Lord Provost Stevenson made a delightful speech, from which we make the following extracts:—

“And yet, we have a very large number of people in Edinburgh to-day who would have us live on our reputation and be content with being a great touring or a great educational centre. Edinburgh is an educational centre. Edinburgh is the Mecca of Scotland, and no one can take that from us. No matter where the Scotsman resides he looks to us, who, for the time being, are entrusted with the government of this City, to make it even a greater City, and for that we needed the business element, and we have now got it. Scotland never can be made an appendage to England. Scotland has its proud history and nationality. We have our prejudices, as we often hear stated, but we are a nation and fully prepared to do our part in this great Empire.”

Comp. Pailthorpe, formerly of Nairobi, said:—

“In a period of twenty-two years, Masonry in Kenya has gone ahead at a surprising rate. We have now eleven English Craft Lodges, one Scottish Craft Lodge, four Scottish Royal Arch Chapters, and one English Royal Arch Chapter; and in a population of 10,000 Europeans, men, women, and children. That proclaims a very good Masonic record.”

The Proceedings concluded with a scholarly and learned address by Professor D’Arcy W. Thompson, from which we cannot resist making the following quotations:—

“Ages before our Christian religion was founded for us this festival was kept. In Egypt, in Palestine, in Persia, in further India, this was a festival thousands of years ago. From the very beginning of the civilized planet, when men first learned to follow the course of the sun and to mark out the beginning and end, and the boundaries of the year itself, this festival was bound to be

honoured. I wish to chronicle and emphasize the immense importance, the antiquity, the widespread extent of this beautiful Festival of what was of old the opening of the year, the close of the days of darkness, leading up to the hour of joy in the thought of warmth and sunshine and fertility come again."

Convocation was held 17th June, 1927, Sir R. King Stewart, well known in Canada, being present.

Proceedings were acknowledged from Canada.

Here is a touch of gastronomic human nature:—

"After considerable discussion it was agreed that in future at the Quarterly Convocations a Caterer should be in charge of the Harmony meetings, and provide tea, coffee, and sandwiches, and that Companions desiring 'refreshments' other than these would be supplied with same on payment."

John Tod's splendid signature adorns and fills a large part of two pages.

Then follow the reports of many Grand Superintendents, including Chile.

William Rennie (a familiar name to us) reports on the Border Province in the following words describing a unique event:—

"The ceremonial was carried through in the Chapter House of the historic mediæval shine of Dryburgh Abbey, where Melrose Abbey Chapter have the very great privilege of holding Convocation once a year near to the midsummer day of St. John. Nowhere can it possibly be imagined a more fitting venue for an exposition of the solemn rites of our sublime Order. The subtle charm and beauty of the surroundings are intensified by the remembrance that every step is taken on ground teeming with poetic and romantic memories of an imperishable past."

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charles K. Chreitzberg, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Grand Convocation was held in Rock Hill, April 20th, 1927.

Nine Past Grand High Priests added the wisdom of experience to the work.

Canada was represented by M. Ex. Comp. William W. Wannamaker.

Number of members, 6,218. Loss, 241.

We think we trace a touch of discouragement and yet of courage in the Grand High Priest's address. He says frankly:—

"You are to put your stamp of approval upon such things as have been well done, and to correct, so far as may be, such things as have been done amiss.

"Capitular Masonry is not in as flourishing a condition as we have a right to expect. Some improvement is due to the fact that we are one year further from the ritual mix-up we had not long ago.

"After all, this ritual bug-a-boo is only an excuse. The real trouble lies in the fact that the officers do not take enough interest in the Chapter work. The officers complain that the members will not attend the meetings, but the reason for that is because the degrees are not properly conferred. Let the officers prepare themselves, let them put some energy and enthusiasm into Chapter work and the members will gladly come to the meetings and enjoy them.

"I am glad to report that the Companions are dwelling together in unity, even if they are not ardent and enthusiastic. I am wondering if the 'peace and harmony' that 'prevails' is not a sign of apathy and indifference."

Among his decisions is one in which Greenwood Chapter asked them to request Chester Chapter, Pennsylvania, to confer the Capitular Degrees by courtesy:—

"The Pennsylvania Chapter very courteously agreed to do this, but informed us that the Past Master Degree was under the control of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. They further stated that their Grand Chapter was endeavouring to have this degree included in the Capitular system.

"I was then asked if we might request the Pennsylvania Chapter to confer the Mark, Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees as a courtesy to our Greenwood Chapter."

"I ruled that we cannot. We can confer the Most Excellent Degree upon Chapter Past Masters only. Therefore we cannot ask a Sister Jurisdiction to do for us what our law prevents us from doing for ourselves."

He closes with this earnest prayer:—

"No man, of his own strength, may hope to discharge these duties and responsibilities. He who calls on the God of our Fathers, in faith and humility will not return empty-handed."

The Committee on Necrology share with us these thoughts:—

"There are, indeed, many ways of losing friends upon this earth, but those who have passed into God's keeping are forever beyond the possibility of being lost to us. What would we exchange for the wealth of human lives that have enriched our history."

Comp. Chreitzberg was Grand Master, Grand High Priest and Grand Master in Grand Council at the same

time. These Organizations united in presenting a beautiful Silver Service. This Reviewer has wonderful memories of the year in which he was Grand Master and Grand Z. at the same time, and only the loyal support of Brethren and Companions made it possible.

South Carolina is represented by James B. Little, of Trenton.

When we miss J. L. Michie, P.G.H.P., as Fraternal Correspondent of South Carolina, there will indeed be a void at the Round Table. He precedes his Review with the following verses of Whittier which never grow old:—

“Our father’s God! from out whose hand
The centuries fall like grains of sand,
We meet to-day, united, free,
And loyal to our land and Thee,
To thank Thee for the era done
And trust Thee for the opening one.

“Oh, make Thou us, through centuries long
In peace secure, in justice strong;
Around our gift of freedom draw
The safeguards of Thy righteous law;
And, cast in some diviner mould
Let the new cycle shame the old.”

His terse comments are illustrated under Alberta:—

“He recommended that all Chapters following the moon schedule be requested to change to a fixed date; pure lunacy. He refused to permit a Chapter to attend Divine Service in R. A. Regalia. In South Carolina we can do that whenever we like without even a Dispensation. He permitted a Chapter to hold a meeting four hours earlier than its by-law called for, which our Grand High Priest has no power to do, our Chapters must meet at the time called for in their by-laws.”

From British Columbia he gleans the following:—

“He refused to permit three Chapters to hippodrome. From his report we cull an amusing incident:

“It is that of a candidate drawing out a large roll of bills and presenting the Worshipful Master, at a central stage in the conferring of a certain degree, to his surprise and chagrin with a one dollar bill. Needless to say what happened, but the one dollar bill is framed with the Ex. Companion’s photo and hangs in the Chapter Room as a warning to all S.D.’s”

Under Canada he speaks of our many visitors in Toronto and of Grand Z. Davis’ address, of which he says:—

"He considered mental and moral qualifications more important than physical qualifications, and in certain circumstances felt that 'physical disability should not be a bar to Masonic advancement.' Well put."

Of our Review he kindly says:—

"Companion Ponton, writes the 'Capitular Correspondence and Review of Sister Jurisdictions' in a manner that is calculated to command the attention of his readers. His review of South Carolina covers five pages, two of which are taken up with extracts from this Scribe's scribblings, which we appreciate."

Under Colorado we get this touch:—

"The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances is rather Unique. Here it is:

"We again present the same old story,
No work to do—nothing but glory."

England receives a much longer Review at his hands than the unbound pamphlets usually do from our colleagues. He says and quotes:—

"At the November Quarterly seven new Chapters received their Charters. Companion Ampthill made an Address on 'The Royal Arch Degree as the keynote of the Edifice of English Masonry,' from which we cull this paragraph:

"Now I want you first to look back to the distant past, and then, marking well where we stand at present, to look ahead to the future. It is generally held, that one of the chief causes of the separation of the 'Antients' from the 'Moderns' was their difference of opinion in regard to the Royal Arch. The Antients adopted and worked the Royal Arch as an additional or fourth degree, before the Moderns were willing to recognize it. It was not until the Moderns followed the example of the Antients, that it was possible to heal the schism, and bring about final recognition of the Royal Arch, which was an essential feature of the Union in 1813."

His experienced touch is revealed under Pennsylvania:—

"The conferring of Degrees, both in Symbolic and Capitular Masonry, is very different in Pennsylvania from that of all other Jurisdictions in the United States, more especially in the Third Degree. In Symbolic Masonry Pennsylvania very closely follows the rituals of Scotland and England, and we have often wondered why, and when, the other Jurisdictions in the United States made such a wide divergence therefrom."

These interesting statistics close the volume:—

"When it comes to membership Illinois still leads with 90,569. Ohio comes second with 80,170. Then follow New York, 71,576; Pennsylvania, 59,117, and Michigan, 46,799.

"The five Jurisdictions having the smallest membership are Nevada, 655; Utah, 1,233; Arizona, 1,305; New Mexico, 2,034, and Delaware, 2,068.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

John O. Kammerman, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Thirty-eighth Convocation met in Masonic Temple at Aberdeen, June 16th, 1927, with nine Past Grand High Priests supporting and strengthening the Grand First Principal.

Canada was represented by Comp. L. M. Simons.

The addresses of welcome and reply were rather out of the ordinary and we quote:—

"We are prone to recall but briefly the gathering of our ancient brethren, who assembled in the year 3001 at the completion of the Temple. They had completed that which was only a beginning of the great work for human improvement and progress. They rightfully rejoiced.

"The assemblage here to-day marks the completion of another year in Masonic History, but it has been only a beginning of the higher and nobler things that we hope to accomplish.

"After everything having been said that can be said in favour of any city, the greatest thing that can be said is that it is a suitable place to rear and educate a family; that it is a good place for a home, is our impression of your city."

The introduction to the address of the Grand High Priest is full of searching thoughts, for instance:—

"The lessons taught in Masonry should give us a clear view of our duties to God, country and humanity.

"But one of our greatest faults is the thoughtless neglect of our duties to mankind.

"Let us not think that Masonry ends with our ritualistic work. Let us charge ourselves with the missions to dispense Charity and to diffuse Light.

"Masonic Light is Wisdom, Knowledge. Ignorance is Darkness."

He heads his circulars to the Craft with the following rallying call to attention "**Attend to the Alarm.**"

As to the Past Master's Degree which he holds still essential, he says:—

"However, any Royal Arch Chapter in this Jurisdiction may, if it shall be their wish, confer without charge, the Past Masters'

Degree upon **such Companion after which he may be admitted** as a visitor or elected to membership by affiliation."

As to the attendance at Grand Chapter he says suggestively:—

"I refer to the inspiration with which each one is filled by this meeting. We leave here imbued with the spirit of Capitular Masonry. We intend to inoculate the Companions of our Chapters with this same spirit. One of the ways in which we can create more interest in our annual Grand Chapter Convocations is to bring together and hold together those veterans of the Royal Arch, who, year after year, add so much to these meetings by their attendance.

"Companions, our system of deputies has failed. We must give to the Chapters the opportunity of contact with Grand Officers and we must send to them an officer who is well qualified to exemplify all degrees."

"The Grand Secretary's report will show that there has been a net loss in membership this past year. I do not think this can be attributed entirely to poor crops and stringent financial conditions. There has been a general lack of enthusiasm for Capitular Masonry on the part of the Companions. This is especially true of the members of our small rural Chapters which meet irregularly and are more or less active. All of us should at once awake to the necessity of paying special and definite attention to these inaccessible, struggling Chapters, which are really fighting for their lives.

"Many people think the strongest appeal of the Royal Arch work is in the splendor of the costumes and paraphernalia used during the conferring of the degrees, when in fact the real appeal is in the sincerity with which we teach our lessons, the character of the teachers, and the quality of the lessons we teach."

Membership, 6,297. Net loss, 78.

Grand Master Goodman responding for Grand Lodge, used these weighty words:—

"The highest tribute which can be paid to any organized body is that it attracts to its standards, men of excelling worth.

"I would impress upon your minds that in this busy world of ours the Mason to-day cares less for the non-essentials but more for the essentials. This is an intensely practical age and we must have a practical Masonry.

"In recent years a new light has appeared upon the Fraternal horizon. It is the light of Truth—of Co-operation—of Human Service. I wonder if we realize the struggle. Only institutions that serve have a right to survive."

The Committee on Necrology present an original report from which we take the following:—

"So far as we may dare to try to think God's thoughts after him, we may believe that he created the spirit of man with etern-

ity in mind. Therefore, the gift was from the beginning. In that sense it was inherent, but in the same sense it was a bestowal. It was the original gift of the God of beginnings who is also the God of continuings and of endings. We believe that it will take eternity to work out the fullness of that plan.

R. Ex. Comp. Albert E. Cooper, of London, represents South Dakota.

The Correspondence is again by R. S. Hart. who is an original thinker and apparently a fearless writer. In his introduction to his Reviews he says regarding the topical form of Review:—

“We believe it offers greater likelihood of presenting matter of practical value as a guide to the Grand Chapter in the determination of its action and attitude toward the current problems of the Fraternity.”

As to life membership he says:—

“But there is no valid reason for requiring each member to pay in dribblets, year by year, with the risk that the time may come when he may not be able to pay, if he is at any time able and willing to pay into his Chapter a sufficient sum, as a TRUST FUND, to provide income, from the interest, to equal the annual dues. This sort of PRE-payment is the financially sound and logical basis for any system of LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

“Exemption from dues is another matter. No Chapter really practising Masonry will suspend the Companion unable to pay. Suspensions N.P.D. are really, in nearly every case, suspensions for lack of zeal and interest.”

With regard to dependent membership in which our Jurisdiction ranks among the exceptions, he thus writes:—

“The question of ‘dependent membership’ is being considered by a few Grand Chapters, but it is the generally accepted practice of the Jurisdictions of the United States that active membership in the Symbolic Lodge is a requisite not only of exaltation but of continuing membership in the Chapter.

“Only eight in the United States fail to require continued membership in the Lodge; in some, Chapter membership ceases immediately, in some after six months.”

As to the Order of High Priesthood, which is not an essential in South Dakota, he thus speaks:—

“The Order is undergoing, it would seem, a rejuvenation; there is increasing interest, and much talk of making it a requisite to preside over a Chapter, or to rank as Past High Priest.”

He asks for more comments by the Reviewers, saying:—

"Masonry is not static, but dynamic; not fixed but advancing. No Grand Chapter has all the earnest students or clear thinkers of Masonry, nor can anyone claim the exclusive advantage of any brilliant Companion's labours. There is nothing gained by change for the sake of change, but real progress should be noted and 'false prophets confounded' with equal zeal."

As to ranking and affiliation under Arkansas we find:—

"When a Grand Chapter . . . admits Past High Priests to membership it must and does admit them on an equal footing with all other members."

He takes a quiet dig at British Columbia in this way:—

"In this review he challenges the right of the Grand High Priest to permit a Chapter to take its regalia else where to confer degrees; their volume records two dispensations to wear regalia at informal 'At Homes' and once at a Masonic Ball. When our regalia leaves its ordinary home it is worn for Masonic WORK at any rate."

He touches on England in part critically and in part appreciatively:—

Seven pages given to a list of the officers and past officers, actual and honorary, who were present, with a footnote, 'and the Principals and Past Principals of many subordinate Chapters.' Subordinate and incidental.

"This marked characteristic of the British Grand Chapters (and Grand Lodges) seems rather strange to us, and the honours seem rather empty, but there is still a deal to be said for the system.

"To attain to the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, in the Grand Lodge, as was the honour of our Distinguished Visitor of some years ago, required greater service to the Fraternity than a half dozen Past Grand Masters usually accomplish in this country. With such care and discretion exercised in the choice of the recipients of the honours, they are naturally sought after.

If anyone deserves the graceful eulogy which our colleague pays, it is the veteran M. Ex. Comp. Chambers, Fraternal Correspondent of Quebec:—

"Scholarly and fraternal, greeting and acclaiming as a personal joy the many evidences of advance in Capitular Masonry, gently ignoring the occasional lapses and difficulties, tempering with a mellow tolerance his report of matters wherein he must hold an opposite opinion, he presents a most enjoyable review of the Grand Jurisdictions coming to his attention."

Under Scotland he says:—

“ . . . Supreme Grand Chapter recognizes its responsibility to provide facilities for advancement to the members of the Scottish Craft but it cannot concede to make its Chapters to be purely adjuncts to the Scottish Lodges, or to restrict the operations of such Chapters in any artificial way.

(“This was the sum total of Cassillis’ agreement with Dr. Kuhn, but Supreme Grand Chapter only ratified part of that agreement.”)

Wisconsin gives him this suggestion:—

“An interesting Notice is found in one of the Temples, posted in the recreation rooms:

“No member of . . . Lodge shall have the privileges of these rooms while the Lodge is in session. No member of . . . Chapter may remain in these rooms while . . . R. A. Chapter is in session.

“We wish that such a rule might be instituted throughout this state, or better, that there might never be the need of it. The lack of stated penalty makes us wonder how it might be enforced.”

TENNESSEE.

Alfred C. Morgan, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Proceedings are preceded by a sketch of the new M. Ex. Grand High Priest, Charles F. Bunbury, who was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1874, and attended High School there, so we produce not merely captains of industry but also Rulers of the Craft.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation was held in Nashville, January 24th, 1927. No less than sixteen Past Grand High Priests testified their loyal allegiance and their longevity by faithful attendance in the Grand East.

Canada was represented by Comp. J. Leonard Wood.

Grand High Priest Morgan delivered a very thoughtful and thought suggesting address:—

“The century just past has been a most momentous one for our land and our state. It has been a period of unprecedented progress in the arts, the sciences, in industry, in agriculture, in fact, in every line of endeavor that contributes to man’s physical well being. It has also marked an era of great progress in things of the spirit. Freemasonry has grown by leaps and bounds. There is scarcely a cross roads that does not boast of a Blue Lodge and scarcely a hamlet that does not point with pride to a Chapter. Of the past, we may be justly proud but our chief concern should be with the future. Just as the success of to-morrow grows out of the honest toil of to-day, so will the record of the

coming century be built upon the labour and progress of the present. Another century is at your door. Opportunity knocks anew.

"Only a few years ago our outer doors were besieged by strangers craving admittance to the rites and privileges of the Craft. Great numbers of good men and true were admitted, yet, to-day, we find many of our Chapters struggling for existence. Why is it? Freemasonry is not simply the collecting of a fee, the repetition of a ritual and the labeling of a Companion or a Brother with the Keystone or Square.

"Our best opportunity to make a man a Mason is during the exemplification of the degrees, and, Companion High Priests, your duty and honour and the future welfare of the Order demand that you transmit the great teachings of the Craft with scrupulous purity and impressiveness, not only to your successors in office, but more especially to every stranger who is admitted among the workmen. Then, and only then, can you justly claim the title of a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

From his decisions we take the following as of interest:—

"Clearly, the Treasurer cannot be exempted from dues and I would suggest that you pay him a salary equivalent to the amount of his dues, if you still wish to release him from the payment of that amount.

"I find nothing in the law to prevent the exemption of the Sentinel from the payment of dues, but, by analogy with the Blue Lodge law, I think such exemption is unlawful—certainly, it is inadvisable, for it is the spirit of Masonry that all share alike in the support of the institution. I would suggest the Sentinel be paid a salary equivalent to his dues.

"An immediate investigation should be made of the case of the Companion against whom no action has been taken in his subordinate Lodge. If you prefer charges against him, I would suggest that they be properly attested and transmitted to his Blue Lodge. Finally, it should be remembered that restoration in the Blue Lodge restores to membership in the Chapter for all penalties except from that of expulsion.

"When work drops off in the Blue Lodge, it drops off in direct proportion in the Chapter.

"If we are to flourish, they must flourish, and I would commend to you the great wisdom and necessity of using every effort to keep the Subordinate Lodges, in which you hold membership, in a healthy condition. They, as a rule, offer you an excellent opportunity for the dispensing of that 'true Masonic light and knowledge,' which is not only your bounden duty, but should also be your pleasure."

There are his closing words of happy greeting:—

"I have learned the meaning of 'friend' as I never knew it before. For each of you I wish, for the coming years, enough of

this world's goods to be comfortable, enough of friendships to be happy, enough of work to be truly serviceable and enough of love and charity to win the approbation of our Supreme Grand High Priest."

Membership, 11,267. Net gain, 30.

M. Ex. Comp. Joseph A. Fowler submitted a report on Education which is full of meat:—

"To my mind it is imperative in connection with this Centennial to bring to your consideration our duty as Masons concerning education and tolerance, a study of those virtues must be a vital part of our preparation if we are to serve efficiently as acceptable workmen in that noble and glorious work of rebuilding the Temple of the Spirit.

"Next to the adequacy of our educational plant must come the primary objective—the quality of our output. There is nothing that man might not do if our schools and universities were properly developed, properly manned and directed intelligently to the reconstruction of human character.

"Toleration is the love of Truth, united with love of man. Love of truth alone might lead to imposition of power. Love of man divorced from that of Truth would be governed by sentiment.

"Never has there been a greater opportunity for Masonry than to-day, and if it fails the failure will be tragic beyond relief or hope of repair.

"Joseph Fort Newton says; 'Against those who would fetter thought in order to perpetuate an effete authority, who would give the skinny hand of the past a scepter to rule the aspiring and prophetic present, and seal the lips of living scholars with the dicta of dead scholastics, Masonry will never ground arms; Her plea is for government without tyranny and religion without superstition, and as surely as suns rise and set, her fight will be crowned with victory. Masonry fights not with force, still less with intrigue, but with the power of truth, the persuasions of reason, and the might of gentleness, seeking not to destroy her enemies, but to win them to the liberty of the truth and the fellowship of love.

"He drew a circle that shut me out
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout
But love and I had the wit to win
We drew a circle that took him in."

R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price, of Port Credit, represents Tennessee with us.

A Centennial Ceremonial was observed in Nashville in the evening in the presence of a large concourse of Masons, ladies and visiting Craftsmen. Space only permits a few extracts from the brilliant speeches made. The following are outstanding:—

"No matter how far a man may have wandered; no matter where he may have found an abode; no matter how firm his friendships, how large his fortune, how great his success or how full his honours, his thoughts ever turn toward and his heart ever yearns for the home of his fathers. Of all the places he has lived or seen this is the one around which cluster the tenderest and sweetest and most hallowed of memories.

"The difficulties of discussing the esoterics of the R. A. Degree in a public forum are very apparent indeed. Let it be understood once for all that there is nothing written or spoken that is not known to the great world of scholars and that the so-called esoterics of Masonry are the non-essentials; if the signs, grips, pass-words, are forgotten, the great essentials would still endure.

"I still cling to the Historic Continuity of English Free Masonry. The old York Constitution had three Symbolic degrees—the E.A., F.C., and M. Doubtless there were also three Operative degrees. Now just at what point the Operative Degree became Symbolic or Speculative we are not able to state.

"Rescuing the lost treasure from the grasp of death itself and communicating it to the living to be handed down to future ages—I repeat that old York Degree must have been incomparably sublime beyond any human conception, equalled only by the greater Mysteries of Ancient Greece. I fear the R.A. was made at too great a sacrifice.

"Another consideration is this: The mere possession of the Master's Word does not of itself constitute the possessor a M.M. No Order, however old or sacred, has exclusive ownership of any word; the great world of scholarship knows what the Master Word is; various Masonic Rites use it.

"As to the relationship of the R.A. Degree with Symbolic Masonry, there is only one reply which is very evident; it is Symbolic Masonry and the repository of Symbolic Masonry's most prized possession.

"No Mason is a Master Mason—nor should he deceive himself into believing himself to be such—until he shall have been duly exalted to the Royal Arch."

Almost every subject of interest to the Royal Craft was fully and eloquently treated.

Comp. Fowler gave an address on Captivity; Rebuilding of the Temple of the Spirit; What of the Future?

The youngest Grand High Priest, Comp. Morgan, was toasted in a happy valedictory as follows:—

"The man who fills high positions with credit and honour to the Fraternity and to himself is due acclaim, and this we do accord him.

"As Pope said:

"Order is heaven's first law, and this confest,
Some are, and must be, greater than the rest,
More rich, more wise."

"And so, to our Junior Grand High Priest—long life, greater achievement, genuine prosperity and greatest joy!"

And the whole Centenary proceedings were concluded with a splendid Pageant presented by the young lady students of Tennessee College, several of whom are aided by Masonic loans.

The Report on Correspondence is again by M. Ex. Comp. C. H. Smart and as usual, is full of tonic, some will say even dynamic, vitalizing energy.

His introduction is buoyant and gay:—

"On January 30th, 1926, we filled the tank of our aeroplane with gas, tightened all the bolts, turned on the switch, or whatever there was to turn on, and began our seventh journey to the different Grand Jurisdictions of Capitular Masonry. We have travelled from Maine to California, from Saskatchewan to the Gulf of Mexico, and have even crossed the Atlantic Ocean and visited England, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand and other points. As the shades of evening on December 31st fell over the hills and vales of old Nashville, we 'shut her off,' gently glided to old mother earth, safely landing at our hangar. During our trip, we visited the following Grand Jurisdictions."

Of course Canada gives him the opportunity of comments and we reproduce a few of them and thank him for his active personal interest in our welfare, collective and individual:—

"Why should a Grand Chapter require any Secretary to use the laborious hand writing method of keeping his minutes in this day of a dozen styles of typewriters?"

"Where an officer absolutely refused to attend convocations or to resign his office, I ruled that his refusal to do his duties was tantamount to resigning his office, and that the Chapter should proceed to fill his place.

"This is not the rule in Tennessee. He has got to die to resign his office, and then the High Priest appoints a Companion to fill the position each meeting night until the annual election in December.

"Grand Treasurer Moore reports that the excess of receipts over disbursements during the year was \$4,791.92, and that the par value of the investments is \$63,521.00. It is none of our business, but we beg to inquire what use any Grand Chapter has for a surplus of that amount? Enough to keep the wolf from the door appears to us to be a q.s. There is too much illiteracy, suffering and destitution in the world for the Grand Chapters to hoard up money. Turn 'er loose.

"We fail to see why the report of one committee should have been referred to another committee.

"There is no Order of High Priesthood. Say, you Canuckers, go across the river to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont or New York, get the degree, procure the ritual and start the Order going at home. You don't know what you are missing. Take our word for it when we say that it won't hurt any of you a single bit.

"The Grand Correspondent quotes liberally from the address of Grand High Priest Greer, the report of the Educational Committee and from the ravings of this scribe. Of his good words in a personal way we are as proud as a small boy in his first pair of red-top boots. Gesundheit.

"Since we can remember, there has always been a watch dog of the treasury—in Congress, in Legislatures, in Lodges, in Chapters, in corporations, in everything.

"Companion Ponton has given the Grand Chapter of Canada a report on correspondence that is well worth the space. It is long, we admit.

"Since writing the foregoing, we have taken a second look at the picture on page 137, of the Proceedings, and realize that it must take a heap of money to keep him in such a pink of condition."

With New York he has his sleeves rolled up for action:—

"Grand Representatives from thirty-one Jurisdictions added to the dignity of the event. New York was represented by Charles H. Smart, who is also counted among the dozen Past Grand High Priests, but as he is a Knight of the Round Table we will be gentle with him.

"Better not try to start anything. We haven't killed a man for so long we are 'sorter getting rusty.' However, to allay all fears you may have, Companion Marden, we will quote four lines of Bobby Burns, slightly altered:

"We've seen yon weary winter sun
Twice forty times return,
And every time has added proofs
We can't fight worth a durn."

The alterations made in the original text, be it understood, are to meet present conditions. We would *try* to fight, if necessary, but at our age we believe that Brethren should 'dwell together in unity.'"

We do not agree altogether with his comments on New Zealand, but he is in fighting trim and seems to have caught the New Zealand pugnacity. He says:—

"Now the Grand Chapter of Scotland will either 'fish or dig bait,' 'chop wood or carry water,' 'Shoot, Luke, or give up the gun,' and that in a hurry."

He thus concludes his bristling review:—

"The number of expulsions seems large, but taken in proportion to the membership, it seems incredible that out of over three-quarters of a million members only 105 unworthy ones were found.

"After sailing the 'blue ethereal' for nearly a year, our airship run out of gas—let no one have the temerity to say that we were the gas-bag and nothing else—and there being no filling stations on our route, we volplaned to earth about the middle of December, and safely landed just in time to hear the Grand Secretary yell, in humble imitation of the printer's devil of ye ancient country printing office, 'Give me your report!' He got it, and it made him happy."

TEXAS.

John M. Weekley, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation convened in Waco, November 29th, 1926.

Canada was duly represented by Comp. B. K. Hawkins.

From the Grand High Priest's report we make the following appealing extracts:—

"I want every one of you to make yourself acquainted with every other Companion here. You don't need any formal introduction, for we are all Brethren and Companions.

"And if, in passing upon the work which I have brought up for your inspection, you find that it is not good and square work, I hope that you will have the Master Overseer square it up for me, until it shall be just such work as is required for the completion of the Temple.

"We have a specific work to accomplish as a Grand Chapter and I hope that every Companion here will feel his personal responsibility.

In conferring the Sublime Degrees of our Chapter, we should ever bear in mind that we are dealing with immortal souls. That when he gets the Masonic degrees, he will see more than mere forms and ceremonies, that he will see the beauty of Holiness.

"Could I but say I've done my best,

When my last sun has set;

That measured by the square's true test

I'd have no need to fret;

I'd sleep in peace when the last beam

Of sunshine in the west—

With all its softened golden gleam—

Had sunk unto its rest."

"There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

"May we dispense true Masonic light and knowledge to all less informed Brethren, and may we remember that all true Masonic light is contained in that Old Book. May we ever remember that its histories are true, its doctrines are Holy, and its decisions are

immutable. May we read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy."

By handing over \$36,500 to the endowment fund of the Texas Home for Aged Masons, Grand Chapter reached the \$500,000 goal and undertook also that the proceeds or revenue from the investments should be used in maintaining the Home, the purpose for which the fund was created. He adds:—

"Companion Brown is making that Home a real home for our aged Brethren. He is making a success of its management from every standpoint. He has the farm, orchard, vineyard, dairy, poultry yard and every department in first-class condition and at its highest point of efficiency. Scarcely a foot of ground on the entire premises that is not producing something of value and at the same time enriching the soil. I never saw so much fine fruit."

Of the great educational campaign conducted by Comps. Helm and Bartley, the Grand High Priest said:—

"I don't believe this Grand Chapter has ever undertaken any work that is and will be more far-reaching and productive of greater results in the lives of our Companions than is our Educational Campaign, teaching true Masonry to Masons, opening up to the minds of the Companions some of the beauties of the sublime principles which are embodied in the several Masonic degrees, and more especially the Chapter degrees."

A touching letter from Past Grand High Priest Bunting, oldest living Ruler of the Royal Craft in Texas, was read. He added this postscript: "I have preached 43 years of my life, and am very poor in this world's goods, but rich in the Faith."

Of visitations he makes this additional record:—

"Many of these visits have been on occasions when Companion Helm, and Companion Bartley, delivered their splendid addresses on the symbolism of Masonry, and it is my great pleasure to say to you that it is my candid and deliberate judgment that these addresses are doing more good than any other work we have undertaken since we completed our Home for Aged Masons and so splendidly endowed same to where it is now self-supporting."

Grand Chapter is interested in quite a celebrated Mayfield will case. It is interesting to note that legal practice in Texas permits of a contingent fee, on which basis the Attorneys had undertaken the action, they to receive 25 per cent. of the amount recovered and none in case of no recovery.

For the first time in its history Grand Chapter was called together to dedicate a new Masonic Temple built independently by one of the Chapters.

As to negligent officers not granting demits when requested, the Grand High Priest admonishingly says:—

“Every Companion has an inalienable right to a dimit, and no Chapter has a right to deprive him of that which is his just right.”

He also calls attention to default in answering letters, to delinquency in sending in fees for degrees conferred and delays in annual reports. In all 53 Chapters are reprimanded and will now probably do better work.

Of Secretaries generally he says to those responsible, namely the Chapters:—

“I would urge Chapters to be very careful to elect Companions to this very important office, who have the time and ability, and the love of the Order to properly perform the arduous duties.”

He holds in two decisions that where no provision is made in Grand Chapter rules, that Grand Lodge procedure should be followed.

As to affiliation he says:—

“Membership in any Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas, or any other Grand Lodge with which we are in fraternal relations, entitles a Royal Arch Mason to affiliate with a Chapter.”

He concludes with an appeal that Holiness to the Lord be engraven upon all our thoughts.

The Home can now take care of 150 and has a splendid auditorium with a machine for moving pictures and other up-to-date conveniences. They have 40 dairy cows to feed, yet harvested last year enough hay for two years, have 2,000 jars preserved for the Home folks to eat, and generally are efficiently abreast of the times.

The Knights Templar support the Hospital in this connection.

The Grand Secretary is also enthusiastic and says under his report:—

“Our Home for Aged Masons is adequate for all who need our protection, support and the comforts of that institution. The income from the Endowment Fund, with the products of the farm, garden, orchard and so-forth, due to the wise management of the Superintendent and Matron, is sufficient for all requirements and leaves a balance to its credit.”

Membership, 43,868. Net increase, 579.

This from the Committee on Obituaries:—

“May loving memories of their virtues have a place in our hearts and remain an inspiration while we live. It has been said that ‘to whomsoever the Holy Dead are of no consequence, to him the living are so too.’”

Grand Orator Farrington delivered a long and thoughtful address on “Let there be Light.”

“Words are but the vehicle of thought. From the viewpoint of the scientist I may be able to consider with you some truth from an unaccustomed angle.

“As a teacher of a Bible class of college students on the first day of the week and of classes in chemistry the other six, I have found it impossible even were it desirable to separate the truths of religion from those of science, for all truth emanates from the one Source, who is Himself the Truth, the Light, the Way. Every truth when viewed in the light of other truths becomes more beautiful, more resplendent, more significant.

“Down the ages our Fraternity has been ever committed to spreading the light. Masonry is symbolic of life. If this be not true then we, in our beautiful ceremonies, are but as children playing a game and that a game without significance.

“I have often reflected upon the spiritual power of a militant Masonry. This to my mind comprehends the mission of Masonry.

“Never in recorded history has the world cried with a more passionate appeal for deliverance from the bondage of the material, and in the words spoken to Queen Esther, ‘Who knows but that we have come into the kingdom for this very hour?’”

Speaking of the great painting “The Angelus” he says:—

“She hears in the vesper bells of the distant cathedral the gospel’s angelus call around the world. Some men never see the stars, they are too busy looking for potatoes. I beg to ask you which of the two in reality owns that picture?”

M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, K.C., of Toronto, represents this great Jurisdiction.

There are no less than 117 Grand visitors, each responsible for his own district.

Let us all take off our hats in respect for that inspiring worker who has also the gift of eloquent speech, Sam J. Helm, Chairman of Correspondence. More power to his “self-expression” to which he refers in his introduction:—

"Another reason is that I am not suited to writing these reviews, since I cannot restrain myself when I find something which interests me personally, although it may not hold much interest for you."

Everywhere we find original comment.

"Among other things, he knows the chief cause of so many n.p.d. suspensions. Dig up a worm and invite it to partake of the glorious sunshine; Bro. Worm finds that he is not qualified to receive as much light as the sun gives, so he digs back into the darkness, just where he belongs. Masonic light does not and can not mean anything to those who are not qualified to receive it. The Masonic body, which elects candidates whom it knows are not qualified in mind and heart and soul, is merely prostituting Masonry for money."

Comp. Gardiner's Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry has the honour of having its salient points reprinted for the Companions of Texas. Of him he says:—

"The Grand Chapter of Canada is trying to curtail expense by cutting down the size of its volume of Proceedings, but the above paragraphs from its Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, if observed, are worth all that the printing of the book will cost."

He quotes also the Grand Master's speech, especially the following:—

"If we in Blue Lodge Masonry succeed, in the full sense of the term, the Royal Craft cannot consequently fail.

"I believe that the welfare of the Royal Craft and the welfare of Masonry in general to some extent, at least, depends upon the very closest co-operation and cordial understanding between this Grand Body and the one over which I have the honour to preside."

He refers to the splendid thoughts of the Grand Z. of Quebec and adds:—

"The only comment necessary is that when big men go visiting, they say something to indicate that they know their subject."

Of the Grand Superintendents he says:—

"These Superintendents seem to be well posted, zealous and indefatigable workers, and one can easily imagine that Capitular Masonry would flourish with such men on the job."

We especially appreciate his reference to our review:—

"After reading 232 pages in this volume the reader reaches the appendix, and this is the first that most people read because it contains the report on Fraternal Correspondence, penned by Companion Ponton, who takes his readers all around the Capitular World, shows them all the scenery and introduces them to all the

notables. If Canada does any of that afore-mentioned retrenching in the back of the book, a howl will be heard from every Grand Chapter in the United States."

Minnesota is privileged in being the vehicle through which a message to all Royal Arch Masons is broadcasted, and this review will help it to reach Canadians:—

"We have a higher aim; we are trying to educate ourselves and find out just exactly what Masonry means. We are not trying to whittle Masonry down to our size, but we are trying to enlarge ourselves that we may the better be enabled to appreciate all the beauties of Masonry. When the archaeologist finds an inscription among the ruins of an ancient civilization, he does not try to change it, but he sets about deciphering it; he wants to know what it means. It is high time that G.C.'s bend every energy to teaching their members what Masonry means.

"Masonry is not a long string of moral platitudes, which every school boy has heard until he is tired of them. Masonry is not a conglomeration of goody-goody stuff which Sunday School books print for little children to read. Masonry is built for real men with real blood in their veins, real brains in their heads, and real souls which enable them to grasp the greatest truths. Masonry is a system which seeks to interpret the great volume of nature and the great volume of revelation, which are the trestle board on which the Supreme Master has already drawn the designs. By that system mankind can see that each and every thing in it is a part of it and working in harmony with all the rest. Discord in nature is a fallacy; what may seem to be discord demonstrates our lack of knowledge. All is harmony and Masonry points the way for us to understand that such is the case.

"It is the statement of Truth, the truth about all things."

Again he wields his pen under Oklahoma:—

"Grand High Priest was one of the few in his position who made remarks this year which indicated that they knew there was a wonderful cycle of symbolism in Masonry. It is remarkable how men can be chuck full of Masonry and yet never talk it in Masonic gatherings. Creager's remarks demonstrated that he had been below the surface.

"Oklahoma showed a net loss of more than a hundred members, but the Fraternity will lose nothing on that account if the present members are digging deep into the meaning of Masonry; a thousand well-posted, earnest and active Masons are worth more than ten thousand button-wearers. Unless a Mason has a knowledge of the deeper meaning of Masonry, he sees the degrees like a deaf man sees a piano recital; he doesn't get the beauties at all, but only sees a dexterous wiggling of the fingers."

Under Virginia Comp. Eggleston again gives him an opportunity for striking out:—

"Comp. Eggleston says: 'Yes, we do think a Grand High Priest owes it to others and to himself to include something worth reading and quoting in his address.' Amen. So mote it be. It is astonishing how little one gets from a thousand pages of these addresses, when the writers are supposed to be brimful and running over with Masonry.

"Commenting on a discussion of lethargy in California, Comp. Eggleston says: 'Perhaps, another factor was one that still obtains all over the land, viz.: the anxiety to be known as a 'thirty second degree Mason,' with a longing to write thirty-third. The profane world accepts these as real distinctions and supposes that those who can claim these distinctions are really 'High Masons.' Of course, we know better. The Royal Arch is another story."

Gettysburg is text and inspiration for a wonderful symbolism which it is almost cruel to sandwich. We cannot refrain from reproducing part to whet the appetite of our readers for the whole:—

"Recently I read a faded old letter from a Confederate soldier to his sweetheart back in Texas. It was written in 1863 and the sentence which stood out boldest to my mind was this: 'I am now camped near a little town called Gettysburg.'

"If we were camped there to-day and were writing home, would we write that we were camped near a little town called Gettysburg? No, we should not do that now.

"Since that faded letter was written, Fate has seized a bigger pen and written a mightier description. Gettysburg means more than a little town.

"In Masonry, we have words and phrases and sentences and paragraphs and degrees, each and every one of which has a nobler and more far-reaching symbolism than Gettysburg. Are we teaching our members about the little town, or are we leading their minds to the higher and greater meaning? Is the lambskin merely a piece of sheep hide picked up in the outskirts of a little town called Gettysburg?

"We realize that Masonry deals with man in his three-fold or triune nature, we understand that all nature has the triune feature, and that the three attributes of Deity comprehend all that we can imagine.

"As Royal Arch Masons, we are urging the Companions on that they may study the three triune natures in their relationships, making three times three, and that in such a relationship, somewhere in the quarries of this life, will be left a keystone which will bind the arch.

"Reading the proceedings of other Grand Chapters fails to show that others are doing a great work in educating Masons in Masonry; they may be doing it, but the Proceedings do not contain many earmarks of such effort. The strength of an army is no more dependent upon trained soldiers than is the strength of our Fraternity dependent upon trained members; without training and discipline, we have a mob, no matter whether the men are uni-

formed or not; it is the internal qualifications which mean most.

"We now have an opportunity to fulfill our obligations to those members whom we crowded through the degrees and left in camp at a little town called Gettysburg.

"Masonry is not decadent, and this 'Conclusion' is merely to emphasize the necessity for efforts which will enable it to hold that high estate and strengthen its position throughout the coming years."

UTAH.

LeRoy A. McGee, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation met at Price on May 9th, 1927. The Nevada Delegation was welcomed.

Canada's Grand Representative is not reported as being present.

The Grand High Priest in his address welcomed them to the new Temple in his home town, Price, and spoke feelingly of the death of M. Ex. Companions Fisher and Benjamin, who had passed to their well-earned reward.

He reports the total membership as 1,274, net gain 33.

Where an applicant gave a cheque on his application which on being presented was marked "insufficient funds" and the applicant left Ogden, if he authorized his petition and permitted his cheque thereafter to be dishonoured, it is clear that he is guilty of un-Masonic conduct. The Grand High Priest referred the matter to the Lodge of which the applicant was a member for investigation and action.

Canada is represented by John C. Brown, of Ogden, and M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, of Regina, represents Utah near us.

Grand Correspondent W. H. Wilkins says in his formal Report to Grand Chapter that "we take no note of Time but of its Loss," and adds:—

"It has been very gratifying to note that the silver cord of spirituality which permeates all the degrees from the Entered Apprentice to, and including, the Royal Arch, seems to be reflected more and more in the proceedings of the various jurisdictions, and the quality of candidates rather than numbers is everywhere receiving greater emphasis."

The new Grand High Priest, W. F. Bulkley, was installed.

The Committee recommended that Queensland be not recognized until the contemplated union had been perfected.

The Correspondence Report is preceded by some rulings of the General Grand Chapter, from which we take the following three:—

“The business of Chapters or Grand Chapters must be transacted while the Chapter or Grand Chapter is in session and the High Priest or the Grand High Priest is presiding. The rule of a parliamentary body resolving itself into a committee of the whole, does not apply to Masonic Bodies.

“A Royal Arch Mason hailing from a Grand Jurisdiction, in which the Past Master or M.E.M. Degree is not conferred in this Chapter, may visit a Chapter, but cannot be present when the degrees which he does not possess are being conferred. If he desires to affiliate, then, if elected, he must have the degrees which he has not received in his former Grand Jurisdiction, conferred upon him without additional charge.

“Should the High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons be covered when opening the chapter or presiding over the business session of the Chapter?”

“Answer—‘No.’

“The Order of ‘Rainbow’ for girls failed to receive the endorsement of the General Grand Chapter.”

Under Arkansas we read this banter:—

“Now, Companion Olney invites our attention to fifty pages of Review, and it being Washington’s birthday with plenty of time on our hands, we propose to deal faithfully with it. First he allots one page of the fifty to Utah, which is a generous portion. He says of the writer that ‘we gave him a nice mention, and some personal stuff that is appreciated.’ We don’t now recall what it was; but we meant it then; we now take it all back.

“Under Georgia he says, ‘the Grand High ruled that a one-legged man cannot become a Royal Arch Mason? Why not; are there no cork legs in Georgia?’”

An incident in British Columbia is thus commented on:—

“Our neighbours across the line do not approve of annulling by-laws by Dispensations. We may well learn a lesson from them in this respect. Their reverence for the written Capitular Law is again shown.”

We read under Connecticut the only reference in the Review to Canada. A Review was evidently contemplated but omitted:—

"We think his arrangements of all jurisdictions alphabetically (apparently inspired by M.E. Companion Ponton) is an improvement.

"Companion Ponton allows nothing to escape his eagle eye, and apparently has plenty of time at his command to present his ideas without limitation of space. The writer had personal experience of this last year. However, from Canada to Connecticut is going some."

We find the following under Louisiana:—

"Masons must uphold the law of the land, not merely by a passive non-resistance, but by a vigorous, militant support by word and deed.' This is pretty strong, and yet not more so than the times demand. Theoretically it's all right, we admit, but there are too many laws, and it's a problem. We fear it's all we can do to keep up with traffic regulations without mention of the ten commandments."

Among the decisions of general interest this:—

"The High Priest, or any Companion who is a member of the Chapter can object to the visitation of a R.A.M. from another Chapter, and this, regardless of the fact of whether he is a Past or Present High Priest.

"A Companion visitor cannot demand the name of the member of a Chapter who objects to him as a visitor.

"The Companion who objects to a visitor cannot make a permanent objection, but may, at each convocation, when both are present, renew his objection.

"A Companion R.A.M. has the right to object to any visitor of the Chapter whose presence would cause dissension, or in any manner disturb the harmony of the Chapter."

Of North Carolina's independent Review as a separate entity he says:—

"The volume is unique in that it stands 'separate, apart and alone,' and thereby is a distinct challenge to our attention."

South Carolina gives him the following:—

"We earnestly wish more Grand Highs would talk out in meeting to Grand Representatives, or perhaps better yet, appoint only those who can appreciate the duties of the trust."

He closes Wyoming as follows:—

"We must register our hearty concurrence in Companion Re-path's conclusion of Review of 'Victoria,' wherein he excerpts the following:

"It is a matter of the deepest gratification to me that, amid the multitude of stories exchanged during our travels, there has been no suggestion of impropriety, and I take this opportunity of enforcing the fact that purity is one of our basic principles."

"It does, indeed, 'touch a responsive chord in the heart of every clean-minded man,' and 'should be read by everyone who delights to inhale the pure air' of either mountain or plain."

This regarding General Grand Chapter is interesting:—

"The General Grand Chapter is made up of forty-six Grand Chapters in the United States, together with fifteen subordinate Chapters in unoccupied or foreign territory."

VERMONT.

Edwin B. Clift, (Deceased), M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Convocation was held in Burlington, June 14th, 1927.

R. Ex. Comp. Raymond A. Pearl, the Deputy, acted as Grand High Priest.

Charles W. Whitcomb represented Canada.

Distinguished visitors from New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island were welcomed and addressed the Grand Chapter in words witty and wise.

The Grand Secretary says:—

"It is to be regretted that no stenographer was present to make them permanent."

Nine Past Grand High Priests were at the post of duty and of honour.

The address of the Deputy Grand High Priest pays a worthy tribute to Deceased M. Ex. Comp. Clift, who had died in January, "his life and deeds will ever live in the hearts of true Vermonters."

Aid was given to the sufferers from the Mississippi floods by this and by many other Jurisdictions.

Pennsylvania having suspended the operation of the Past Master's Degree as a Chapter essential, Vermont approved the edict that any Pennsylvania Companion who desires to visit or affiliate must have this Degree conferred or communicated to him by a Chapter in Vermont.

He gives a brief report, having picked up the threads as best he can.

Membership, 5,945. Net loss, 42.

Grand Lecturer Benedict says:—

"If I have done any good commend me, if I have done wrong forgive me; but I have found that Royal Arch Masonry is on the gain not in numbers perhaps but in good work and fraternal relations. Let the good work go on."

Drastic measures are to be adopted towards those Chapters who do not send Representatives to Grand Chapter, the Committee saying:—

"If any subordinate Chapter is so far gone in interest and energy that its proper officers do not feel it necessary to note the little time required to fulfil the duties of the honour which has been conferred upon them, we believe it is high time to begin the final obsequies of such Chapter."

The Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands addressed Grand Chapter in very interesting and instructive vein.

The Capitular Review is by our old and well-known friend, Archie S. Harriman, P.G.H.P., and of course anything that his experienced hands touch is well done.

From Arizona our discriminating and experienced colleague chooses this for our instruction:—

"First: The open mind is well illustrated in our Mark Master's Degree, also the lesson of living up to one's word—'A contract is a contract.'

"Second: Obedience to constituted authority.

"Third: Our spiritual needs—our vision of something greater, nobler, higher, than the material things.

"Fourth: The great principles of *Service*; unstinted, self-sacrifice and devotion without 'the hope of fee or reward.'"

With reference to our Grand Z.'s subordinating physical disability to mental and moral qualifications, Comp. Harriman says:—

"We take pleasure in quoting the above as setting forth an entirely sane point of view.

"A peculiar situation arose from the fact that Canadian Chapters do not confer the P.M. Degree."

He quotes largely from the Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, especially the following:—

"Few Chapters have failed to give tangible evidence of their belief in the spirit of *Service*. During the year just closed the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have disbursed Benevolence in the sum of \$5,400.00, this amount being entirely independent of any action along these lines by Grand Chapter."

With regard to this Reviewer's recommendations and Report he kindly says:—

'We believe he is right and that the Grand Chapter of Canada will be advised thus by its Executive Committee next year.

"Vermont for 1925 came under his discriminating eye. He gives our Proceedings careful attention."

Under Connecticut he solves a problem:—

"The Grand High Priest had issued few dispensations, two of which were to post-date the regular to avoid interference with the Communication of Grand Chapter. Another way would have been to issue dispensations, after the date had gone by, to transact at a special the business which would have been done at the regular. Vermont does this."

We find under New York these sensible comments:—

"The Grand High Priest recommended the repeal of an approved decision that 'a candidate who has lost the first and second fingers of his right hand is not eligible for the Capitular Degrees.' The Committee disapproved this recommendation out of veneration for a 'Landmark of our Order.' Grand Chapter made short work of the 'Landmark,' however, and the decision was repealed. It was a distinct triumph of sense over sentiment."

R. Ex. Comp. James B. Nixon (the dean of us all), represents Vermont.

VICTORIA.

M. Em. Comp. Thomas Mackenzie Kirkwood, First Grand Principal.

A Convocation was held in Melbourne, 21st July, 1926. A Representative of Moira Chapter was present.

It will be noted that the Grand Chapter rank is Most Eminent, Right Eminent, etc., whereas the First Principals of constituent Chapters are termed Most Excellent.

The Second Grand Principal delivered the communication of the meeting to the Companions beginning:—

"The Quarterly Communication from the M. Em., the First Grand Principal, is used as a convenient means for placing on record in our Proceedings the Functions in which the Grand Chapter Officers have taken part during the preceding three months. As our First Grand Principal is absent in Great Britain, I am told that it becomes my duty to report upon the activities of the Grand Officers who were invested in April, and to comment upon any other events of importance within this Jurisdiction."

"Nearly everywhere there is evidence that where interest was keen before it is being well maintained, and where there was apathy or slackness a few earnest Companions are successfully arousing the sleepers."

The Proceedings of Canada are acknowledged.

On non-payment of dues Companions are **excluded** by their respective Chapters, but these exclusions require to be confirmed by Grand Chapter.

A most scholarly and intensely suggestive lecture was delivered by M. Ex. Comp. A. H. Hansford, M.A., I.L.B., on "Odd Numbers," and we could wish that all our Companions had the opportunity of marking, reading, learning and inwardly digesting it in order to whet their appetites for more. We give the following extracts:—

"Necromancy called up the spirits of the dead, as the Witch of Endor called up the spirit of Samuel. Geomancy ascertained the divine will through geometrical figures or forms. To our ancient Pythagorean Companions the pentagram was a sacred figure and was the mark or sign by which the Brethren were known to each other—just as with our square and compasses. In a long list of such methods or practices was arithmancy, or divination by Numbers. Each method had its exponents and followers, and each cult its learning or literature, mainly unknown to us now, though geomancy yet flourishes in China, and though we yet say 'There's luck in odd numbers!' Why? We do not know; yet it is a by-word with us.

"The slightest acquaintance with our Masonic rituals must impress one with our general adherence to Odd Numbers, the principal exception to that rule being in the case of the number '12,' which I shall refer later. *Nine* is rarely used in Symbolic Masonry, though of great significance in Capitular and Cryptic Degrees; *Five* is used sparingly, and *Seven* frequently; but I have never attempted to count the uses to which we put *Three*, for it is repeated again and again in Lights, in Furnishings, in Working Tools, in Apparel, and in Positions."

"The majority of the watches worn by Companions at this Convocation have the hours indicated on the faces by Roman numerals, the 'Four' being represented by 'IIII,' instead of 'IV.' Why? Because in ancient times the Horologists used the Roman method of writing 'Four,' and their successors, as well as some Apothecaries, still follow this usage of their far-off ancient Brethren.

"Iceland was colonized from Norway about 880 A.D. The colonists took with them the worship of Odin and his Valhalla. Eleven hundred years of Christianity have not eliminated that from us, nor many other things that our ancestors have bequeathed to us. In that religion there were three principal deities—Odin, Thor, and Frey.

"Observation shows that the number *Twelve* is characteristic or symbolic of authority, of ruling, and of accomplished or perfected time. The works of the gods were *three*.

"The numbers *three*, *seven* and *nine* were constantly employed by our Norse ancestors in connection with their worship. Odin had 49 names, 7×7 , to make the number perfect.

"There is one Book which shows this symbolic system in a marked form, and that is the Book of Job. This Book, in my unlearned opinion, is the greatest Work that ever came from the pen of man.

"Turning now to the vague general statement that it is to the Pythagoreans that we must look for the origin of some of our ritual and practices, it is worth while to examine the bases of such a belief. Of the founder of the school little is known, and there is only one doctrine that can be definitely traced to him—the theory of the transmigration of souls; and even this could scarcely have originated with him, as it was current in the East long before his time. He was born some 2,500 years ago and landed in Italy in the year 529 B.C., probably from the Island of Samos, and there established his school. His teachings came in on the wave of religious revival.

"Our ancient Companions considered Numbers as actual existing things. The doctrine was, 'All things are Numbers.' The elements of numbers were the elements of all things, and the whole heaven was a musical scale or number. A thing could not exist without number, and therefore the thing and the number were one and the same. This was Arithmancy to the nth term. In numerical symbolism they used dots—one dot, two dots, and so on—like the marks on dice or dominoes.

"To the Western mind at least, a Number is merely an idea, without quality or substance. Yet, even nowadays, enthusiasts speak of the color of music, or of astral planes, or of complexes; and there are still those who believe in withcraft and demonology or who carry mascots with them. Whether or not we are wiser than our forefathers, we may still claim to examine the bases of their beliefs, if they appear irrational to us.

"As to *Three*. This Number easily ranks second to seven in the frequency of its use. I note that it sometimes occurs when the idea of strength is indicated; and the meaning of the Word in the First Degree (where this Number is principally used) lends some colour to that significance. There is also that wise dictum in Ecclesiastes. 'A threefold cord is not quickly broken!' which we may connect with the well-known words: 'And now abideth Faith, Hope, and Charity, these three—but the greatest of these is Charity.

"I end on the note of Charity."

A Convocation was held in Melbourne, 20th October, 1926, Grand Z. Kirkwood having returned. Five Past Grand Z.'s supported him in the East.

His communication to Grand Chapter was full of work well done. He speaks of his return as the poet has said "the best of a journey is getting home."

Of his visit to Scotland he says:—

"The Supreme Grand Chapter of *Scotland* had no Convocation during my brief visit to Scotland but its M.E. First Grand Principal—the Earl of Cassillis—who, by the way, retains very pleasant memories of his visit to Melbourne in 1924, fraternally entertained me."

A petition was received for the formation of "Public Schools" Chapter to meet in Melbourne. The Foundation Principals-designate were two Past Grand Z.'s of Grand Chapter.

Queensland receives much attention with the following result:—

"Whereas these two Grand Chapters in Queensland have been negotiating with a view to amalgamation and have agreed on all points save one.

"Therefore the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria by acceding to a request for the Recognition at this time of either Body might seriously injure the prospects of the hoped-for union.

"But, as an evidence of friendship for all our Queensland Companions, our Victorian Chapters might be authorized to admit as a Visitor or as a Joining Member any Companion in good standing in a Chapter working under the authority of either of these Queensland Grand Chapters.

"The higher the degree and the more intimate our relations, the more bitter the dispute when dissension unfortunately arises. We desired to see Masonic peace in Queensland; but to grant exclusive recognition to either body would mean that we were entering into the dispute."

The Grand Secretary, John E. Kennedy, presented a lengthy report on Capitular Masonry in Queensland, full of information.

A Convocation was held in Melbourne 19th January, 1927.

In his address the Grand Z. said:—

"Properly understood, the exchange of Grand Representatives between sovereign Grand Bodies in Masonry is not the meaningless custom which, I am afraid, so many suppose. The presence in Grand Chapter of these commissioned representatives of Sister Jurisdictions ought to be a constant reminder that, though possessing sovereign and unquestioned authority within our own territory, we are but one link in the chain of world-wide Capitular Masonry, bound to promote its solidarity and maintain its prestige and dignity. Whatever we may do to emphasize the theory that

the conduct of our ceremonies, the enactment of our laws, and our general procedure are being carried out under the eyes of our Sister Grand Chapters must surely tend to broaden our outlook and make for the betterment of this Supreme Degree. We are in fraternal relationship with more than sixty Grand Chapters, most of whom exchange representatives, yet we rarely get more than a fifty per cent. attendance of these representatives at any Convocation."

"The Parable of the Master Mason" was the subject treated of by Rev. H. O. Wallace, M.A., of Galashiels, Scotland, a gem of purest ray, of which we can only quote the beginning and the end:—

"Long ago, in an ancient fraternity, an apprentice toiled at his task for seven years, and when at last his hand was trained to the mallet and chisel, and he had wrought some beautiful stone, he brought it to his overseer and said, 'Behold my experience!' The sum of all the impassioned patience and aspirations of seven long years was in that stone—and that was the symbol of his character. That is the Parable of the Master Mason.

"May the house of our soul create!

While the day hath light let the light be used,

For no man shall the night control!

Or ever the silver cord be loosed,

Or broken the golden bowl,

May we build King Solomon's Temple

In the true Masonic soul."

A Convocation was held in Melbourne 20th April, 1927.

As to the work of the Second Grand Principal the Grand Z. says, and it gives some idea of the extent and the nomenclature of this Jurisdiction:—

"During the year he has been present at every function where Grand Chapter has been officially represented from Rochester to Yarram, from Warracknabeal and Horsham to Bairnsdale, from Warramboul and Coleraine to Mildura and Benalla."

M. Ex. Comp. Kirkwood was of course re-elected and he speaks of the approaching visit of the Duke and Duchess of York and of other matters as follows:—

"To-night our pulses beat faster and our hearts glow with satisfaction at the thought that to-morrow there will be an opportunity to tender to the Duke and Duchess of York such a demonstration of popular welcome as will forever live in their memories. Whatever enthusiasm they have met with in other parts of the Commonwealth, and however much their reception there may have impressed them, we believe that after their visit to Melbourne they will be able to tell His Majesty and the Prince of Wales that the people of Victoria have given convincing proof

of unchanging loyalty and devotion to the House of Windsor. I understand that the Duke of York, like his brother, the Prince of Wales, is a Royal Arch Freemason, and, although there will not be an opportunity of greeting him as a *Companion*, Companions (and Freemasons generally) will be foremost in demonstrations of affection and loyalty.

"The expansion in Victorian Royal Arch Freemasonry during the past few years has been phenomenal, and yet the essential importance of the degree, its beauty and dignity, and the essential importance of the degree, its beauty and dignity, and the high spiritual value of its teaching and philosophy justify me in saying that we ought to have five times our present number of members."

Membership, 4,150. Net gain, 375.

Canada is represented by John Byatt of the Education Department, Melbourne, and Joseph W. Hickson, of Toronto, represents Victoria.

The following verses precede the In Memoriam pages printed in Royal Purple:—

"Every golden beam of light
Leaves a shadow to the sight;
Every dewdrop on the rose
To the ocean's bosom goes.

Every star that ever shone
Somewhere has a gladness thrown;
All that lives goes on forever,
Forever and forever."

VIRGINIA.

Edward A. Joachim, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Convocation convened in Richmond, October 26th, 1926.

Ten Past Grand High Priests were present and active.

Arthur L. Mattern duly represented Canada among the Grand Representatives.

We regret to note that Joseph W. Eggleston, Fraternal Correspondent, was absent on account of illness. He does not often miss the post of honour and of duty.

The Grand High Priest tries to probe the cause of present unrest:—

"We are living in the most wonderful period of the world's history and as we view the achievements of the past decade we are pleased with the things that have come to pass and as we think of them we sometimes wonder if we are not forgetful of the source from which these blessings come.

"I question if this is not the cause of the unrest prevailing to-day, the laxity in the enforcement of all laws, the crime wave which is so prevalent, the contention between capital and labour, the confusion existing between fundamentalists, modernists and socialists striving for mastery."

Among his decisions is the following:—

"No applicant for membership in this Grand Jurisdiction, even though elected, shall be declared a member until after he shall have reached the degree of Select and Royal Master."

Is not this subordinating the Grand and Holy Royal Arch to an extraneous Body and making the Arch dependent upon the Select and Royal Masters, about whom a very small percentage of Companions know anything?

Grand Chapter appointed Trustees of the Old Folks Home.

We read the following tribute to the Grand Lecturer who does great work:—

"May he never grow taller nor his shadow grow less."

Of the Masonic Home he says:—

"This is a worthy institution and deserving of the support of the Royal Craft, and I hope every Companion will visit our children during this Grand Convocation."

Membership, 17,895. Net gain, 381.

The Grand Lecturer makes a most comprehensive Report in which he says:—

"Of the nine officers three are professors at Washington and Lee University; three are professors at Virginia Military Institute and another is General Secretary of Square and Compass, an Intercollegiate College Masonic Fraternity, founded at Washington and Lee University.

"Seventy Chapters, well versed in the Ritual, vie with each other as to who can 'best work and best agree?'"

"After prolonged and earnest discussion it was decided to erect the George W. Wright Memorial tubercular sanatorium at Blue Ridge at a cost of \$127,538.00. The building is a modern fire-proof structure."

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests met and transacted productive business.

V. Ex. Comp. Douglas Ponton, of Toronto, represents Virginia.

The Fraternal Correspondence is as usual, conducted by that youthful octogenarian whose keen intellect

punctures bubbles and seizes situations, while his gentle spirit caresses where he might have wounded.

Every comment that he makes is full of original thought, as our readers will realize through the following citations which we make first from Alabama:—

“The better a man knows the ritual the more competent he will be to teach real Masonry. A phrase from the ritual here and there will suggest a theme and when he attempts to make an address he will not be at a loss for ideas.

“We know of no educational question of more importance than that of where a boy or girl should stop and enter on life work. We know of a city no member of whose school board was ever in high school. Certainly no child should be deprived of four years of high school if it be possible to avoid losing that training so absolutely necessary to all. Better to put none of our dependents through college than to deprive any of high school.”

“Virginia and Pennsylvania have never been able to see any excuse for a general Grand Chapter save to furnish a few more offices for those who have not had enough of office holding.”

Then follows Canada, in which he resolutely refuses to consider statistics as under other Jurisdictions, and says:—

“Our readers would not be interested in their statistics or their routine acts while in session and there is nothing else whatever for the reviewers’ use except what the Grand First Principal said in his address.”

He does not wholly agree with allowing an officer who had refused to attend, to have his place simply filled by the Chapter. He thinks that the Grand Z. should have formally removed the officer, “which he possibly did.” Modesty will prevent our reprinting all that our friend and colleague says of this Reviewer and his Review, but it makes one glow with pleasure to receive the approbation of this man among men. This must suffice:—

“To read this splendid work would make some men ashamed of his own, but not this one.

“He did not find much in our Grand High Priest’s address, because it was not there, but he thoroughly treated everything else in the book. He quoted from our report under many heads and earned our hearty thanks. We have long hesitated about defining him as a scholar and Masonic jurist for fear of not being able to do him justice. He quoted from our remarkable Grand Lecturer’s report and was one man to see that he is an unusual worker. We invited him to Richmond.

“He graciously accepted and we have yet to hear of a man who attended who was not entirely pleased.”

Then under Colorado we have another characteristic comment and quotation:—

“Two institutions have lived through the ages; the church, or those who worshipped God, and Masonry. History tells us that those institutions only have lived that developed a spiritual side.

“We must adhere strictly to the idea that there is a spiritual side, as well as material side to Masonry.

“The Grand Lodge of Virginia has of late years been brought to realize that it is as just to expel a Mason as to refuse him advancement. Having once been told that he there stands a just and upright Mason, he has acquired vested rights of which he should never be deprived save for moral delinquency. The Grand Chapter of Virginia never had any physical test. Mackey's 18th Landmark plainly indicates that among the operatives, from whom we got it, it applied to initiates only, and it should with us. Think it over Companions.

“We congratulate ourselves that on most points which are now being considered by Grand Royal Arch Chapters, we are in accord with Companion Eggleston, and particularly in reference to what we might call either Masonic politics or political Masonry.

“Having lived long past the allotted time, we have, of late years, formed the habit of judging younger men by the way they treat the aged. It is an index of character and the above marks Companion Woodward as a good and kindly man and Mason.”

The District of Columbia gives us other thoughts:—

“The remedy, if there be a remedy, would be to restore the dignity and inherent solemnity of the conferring the Capitular Degrees and those who will not enjoy their Chapter will be no loss. The adage that ‘It takes all sorts of men to make a world’ seems faulty when we contemplate the many without whom it looks like we could manage to get along.

“We write a feeble description of Masonic friendships, but who ever did write an adequate one. They are priceless joys that all of us feel, but none can portray and no profane conceive.”

Having regard to the contrast between the Mark Master's Degree in England attached to the Lodge and Manitoba's Ruling, he treats with finality and convincingly of the whole subject thus:—

“Now there is no direct conflict, one with the other, in the above, but there is an inconsistency. If the English Royal Arch Degree is good enough in Manitoba to entitle its holder to have the preliminary degrees communicated in order that he may visit, surely the English Mark Master's Degree conferred according to English Masonic law should be good on this continent, although not conferred under the authority of a Chapter. If English Ma-

sonic law is good here in one of its peculiarities it should be in another. Besides England is our Masonic Mother and her Masonic customs and laws are not to be questioned as they apply to an English Mason. It is plainly true that the Mark Master's Degree was originally a part of the Entered Apprentice. England segregated it one way and we another, and it should be equally valid conferred according to either system. This is not written as criticism, but as a contribution to Masonic philosophy."

He does not approve of even touching the Ritual:—

"Almost every triennial session the General Grand Chapter tinkers with the ritual. This is one of our objections to a general grand body."

North Dakota's close association with Manitoba has proved contagious. He says:—

"We have long entertained an unaccountable desire to visit Winnipeg without any specific reason. We have no acquaintances there, but somehow the idea appeals to us. Were such a thing possible perhaps, besides America, they would sing Dixie. They might give us a hint to leave by making it 'Carry Me Back to Old Virginia.' A Boston band once thought to honour a Confederate veteran by playing 'Marching Through Georgia.'"

With him:—

"Age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself though in another dress."

"What kind of a life can a man have lead who has no delightful memories to dwell on in retrospect. Troubles are all behind him, young people are more and more considerate of his comfort and pleasure, and he can substitute baseball for more strenuous pleasures and a pipe for any indulgence of former days."

We close this Review of his Review with the following from Wisconsin:—

"No Royal Arch Mason would for a moment hold that loss of even one or more limbs should disqualify a Master Mason of the right to remain such. Once an Entered Apprentice a man has vested rights. One of them is the right to advancement save for moral delinquency. Wherever the old idea remains that a man, already a Mason, must remain free from the result of accidents to retain his Masonic standing, Brethren should think this over and, if convinced that the law is unjust and wrong, do what they can to have that law repealed. Ours is a great institution, but not everywhere faultless. Let's all try to make it as nearly so as we can."

WASHINGTON.

William T. Drips, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Forty-third Annual Convocation was held at Spokane, May 2nd, 1927.

The response to the address of welcome was given by Deputy Grand High Priest McCormack (now Grand High Priest), and as our Companions may like to share the lustrous example of Washington's western and northern eloquence we quote a goodly portion in full as illustrative of the abounding patriotism and sentiment of our British Columbian neighbours who literally and contagiously set the heather on fire:—

"Those who come here for the first time will realize that your generosity is unlimited, your hospitality is unbounded, and your spirit of fraternal love is unfathomed and we rejoice in the privilege of breaking bread with you.

"Fresh and fair, indeed, are the varied beauties of your natural landscape, but fairer than this, are the fragrant memories of similar occasions that makes us glad we're here. Warm and salubrious though your climate may be, it is incomparable with the hearty handclasp and your affectionate greeting.

"We have come to engage in a noble and glorious work, not like our Companions of old, to reconstruct the temple from the perishable materials of earth; upon the ruins of its former glory, but to continue our work in building the temple of Humanity—a temple more durable than has ever been erected by the operative Masons' skill. Our journey has been over glorious hills, around majestic mountains and across lofty canyons; through smiling fields and fruitful meadows where the culture, refinement and spirituality of its people are evidenced by pleasant homes, stately churches and great institutions of learning. We travelled under the most peaceful and happy conditions. No enemy caravan to disturb our progress, but safe and secure under the protecting care of the crimson red, the spotless white and the azure blue of that starry-decked banner, that, wherever it floats, guarantees to all the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Truly a people favoured by God, living in a land flowing with milk and honey, the fairest the sun e'er shone upon.

"We are here from the southwest where the sun, after passing its meridian height, journeys on to gladden the hearts of our Companions in the fertile valleys of the great Columbia, the Chehalis and the Satsop. From the northwest, where the resplendent rainbow hues of the sunset glow, pronounces its peaceful benediction on the productive valleys of Puget Sound, where the gifts of the Great Architect of the Universe are found in exceeding abundance; under the shadow of the grand old monarch of the Cascades, Mount Tacoma. We are here from the fruitful valleys of the Yakima and the broad plains of Wenatchee, here to enjoy

your hospitality in the city of the 'Children of the Sun,' under the protection of your own Mount Spokane, its summit being ever bright with the kiss of dawn."

Canada was duly represented by Robert L. McCoskey. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests occupied seats of honour.

There is a greater longevity in Washington than in Canada in the Past Rulers of the Royal Craft.

The Grand High Priest in a business-like address recounts his visits to Oregon and to British Columbia. The latter ever stands out as one never to be forgotten and he adds:—

"So far as I know, this was the first time that a Grand High Priest had been present at such a convocation in British Columbia, and it was our unanimous opinion that there should be an annual meeting of this kind, alternating in the Jurisdictions."

The Grand Chapter of Washington has no membership in the George Washington Memorial Association nor in the New Mexico Association, but as seen by its generous gifts to Florida and to Mississippi it does not fail in philanthropy.

Under Appeals and Grievances he points out the injustice of subjecting a member charged with two trials and two verdicts to expulsion and two appeals. One in either Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter should be sufficient for both.

Of the Volume of the Sacred Law he says:—

"I have suggested the desirability of a knowledge of the foundation of Masonry as found in our Great Light, and have been more than pleased by the response made. At the request of some Companions, but with no thought of general distribution, I made a list of a number of references in the Bible to our work."

Membership, 4,918. Net gain, 21.

Grand Orator Steffey gave an excellent address on Toleration in the course of which he says:—

"With ignorance wage eternal war;
To know thyself for ever strain.
Thine ignorance of thine ignorance
Is thy fiercest foe, thy deadliest bane."

"This also constitutes the greatness of Britain. It is proverbial that her people are tolerant of all men, all thought, all creed.

"In this country we have not yet arrived at that high point

of toleration though our country was founded much as England was founded.

“For only a race deep centred in its own faith, yet sensitive to the faith that is in others, can understand the religion of others, only such a race can found an empire characterized at once by freedom and by faith.”

No less than \$3,500 was appropriated for the delegation to General Grand Chapter. We hope they enjoyed themselves abundantly.

They have a Committee on the interpretation of Ritual who on one of the points submitted to them ruled:—

“A majority of the committee is of the opinion that the great light should be opened in all of the Chapter Degrees as in the Master Mason’s Degree, to-wit: on the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes.”

R. Ex. Comp. Frank Hills, of Hamilton, represented Washington. He has but recently passed the White Veil—respected and regretted.

Grand Secretary Henry L. Kennan, P.G.H.P., is also Reviewer, and he concentrates a great deal in a small space.

He speaks appreciatively of the co-operation of British Columbia in the endeavour to secure the 1930 Triennial Convocation of General Grand Chapter for Tacoma.

He reviews the salient points of our 1926 meeting in Toronto. and comments upon the decisions given, saying also:—

“When it came to the annual election of officers the scrutineers of the ballot were sworn in. Rather an unnecessary proceeding for a Masonic body.”

Of our Correspondence Report he generously says:—

“His review is one of the most comprehensive and interesting received and the Companions of his grand jurisdiction are to be heartily congratulated in having him as correspondent.”

Pennsylvania gives him these fine broad-horizoned thoughts:—

“Masonry is not political in the sense in which you and I may be partisan, but I do maintain there is a close relationship between Masonry and good citizenship to which our Craft must give attention if it is to fulfil its highest mission. A Mason who is not interested in the affairs of the state is an anomaly. A good Mason is in duty bound to preserve the ancient landmarks

of Free Masonry. He is no less in duty bound to preserve the ancient land marks of American Democracy.

"James Russel Lowell said:

"'Democracy, you must remember, lays a heavier burden on the individual conscience than any other form of government.'"

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Most Eminent Companion Dr. J. S. Battye, Litt.D., B.A., LL.B., First Grand Principal.

A Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, the only Proceedings we have received, was held in Perth, 29th July, 1926.

Nelson Chapter was consecrated and a charter given to Darius Chapter at Subiaco.

"The present disturbed state of our relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and the zeal of some of its officers in Western Australia, appear to have led to an attempt to further the interests of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, by the erection of new Chapters attached to existing Scottish lodges."

Recognition by New Jersey and South Carolina is acknowledged.

Recognition has been refused by England under an existing agreement with Scotland.

Scotland is reported as gracious enough to hold that two sovereign jurisdictions could exist coincidently in the same territory, but the agreement suggested was a little ambiguous in the opinion of Western Australia.

The correspondence between the Mother Jurisdiction and the Jurisdiction now reviewed is set out and the case is argued from the Western Australia point of view. However the First Grand Principal has drafted an "agreement" for submission to Scotland for the sake of peace, as to which he says:—

"In that draft I have preserved the rights of the Grand Chapter of Scotland in regard to existing chapters, and have admitted the right to erect new chapters attached to existing Scotch lodges, provided that the majority of members of any chapters so proposed to be established are at the time of its foundation members of the lodge to which it is attached, and provided also that the remaining members, as well as all candidates received, must have been initiated into Freemasonry in a Scottish lodge.

"I put these suggestions forward in the hope that they may be very seriously considered; in the hope that they may be ef-

fective in bringing the present unsatisfactory state of things to an end; and with the prayer that they may result in the establishment of a firm and fraternal bond of mutual respect and recognition between the Grand Chapter of Western Australia and its Mother Grand Chapter—the Grand Chapter of Scotland, to which, with all its faults, Royal Arch Masonry the world over is so deeply indebted.”

They also authorized another formal application for recognition by England. The courteous wording of the tender of the new agreement is in favourable contrast to the rather imperative tone of some Australasian Jurisdictions, though firm in its determination:—

“In a friendly and fraternal spirit it tenders the aforesaid terms to the Grand Chapter of Scotland for adoption, and failing such adoption the Grand Chapter of Western Australia will be impelled with reluctance to notify its Constituent Chapters that mutual recognition does not exist.”

See also our Review of Scotland.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Ernest H. Bitner, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Fifty-sixth Convocation was held in the Armoury in Martinsburg, 8th November, 1926, with fourteen Past Grand High Priests exemplifying fidelity.

Schools of Instruction had been held on the preceding days under the Grand Lecturer and his Deputies.

Canada's Grand Representative did not answer roll call and this with a few notable exceptions, appears to be the characteristic of our Grand Representatives in the United States Jurisdictions.

The Grand High Priest in his address pays a fine tribute to Grand Secretary Ford.

“Our proficient and genial Grand Secretary smooths the way for the inexperienced High Priest. Indeed no one can comprehend the value of George M. Ford to this Grand Body until one has held the office of High Priest.”

Of the decrease in members we read:—

“Again, there must be carelessness in many sections and good men who have joined our Blue Lodges have slipped us. Most Chapters seem in healthy condition, but several report very few meetings, and no work”

Apparently they do not allow a member to belong to two Chapters; one applying from Pennsylvania was under the ruling obliged to ask for a demit.

West Virginia still retains the Council Degrees like Virginia, in close connection with the Royal Arch and the Grand High Priest says the old question persists in intruding and giving occasion for rulings.

Under his thoughtful recommendations mainly "suggested by the Grand Secretary," he says:—

"We believe secretaries should be selected because they are well qualified, not because of personal popularity. A Companion may be a perfect prince among men and yet make a poor secretary."

The Grand Secretary reports that the book cases in the library are now filled and many shelves doubled.

He reports membership as 12,119. Net gain, 51.

And closes what is refreshingly unusual in a Secretary's statistical report with the following:—

"Another year is gone,
Take a strong, new grip and grasp of your load,
And then—go on! Go on!
For we follow a voice down the long, long road.
That travels hither and yon,
And the voice is the voice of the hastening years—
Go on! Go on!"

Grand Lecturer White appears to be the right man in the right place. Hear him:—

"One of the leading civic clubs of to-day, which organizations have grown with such rapidity in recent years as to almost overshadow older organizations of a similar nature, has called itself 'Kiwanis.' A coined word meaning 'We Build.' Centuries before Kiwanis was, is Masonry.

"Do we build as wisely as we should? We also should be civic and build therefor.

"But the work of the Royal Arch rises higher. It is actually engaged in symbolic building which should also include civic construction. By symbolism Masonry constructs a bridge which spans the great gulf between the material and spiritual world. And the builders of the Royal Craft are called by the manifold voices of these troubled times to work upon the walls of that eternal city which is coming down out of heaven to be forever upon the earth with men.

"If we can be made to hear and answer this call then the true spirit of Masonry 'the Builders' will be realized and we will know the proficiency in the ritual and interest and enthusiasm in the work are simply means to this end."

In presentation of jewel and apron to retiring G.H.P. Comp. Nadenbousch referring to Napoleon's medals applied the simile to the honour now being conferred as follows:—

"And so, Companions, when in the dusk of the even tide, you sit before the open fire that throws its shimmering shadows about your hearthstone, and there come trooping before your mind's eye the faces of those with whom you have lived and laboured and wrought in the days that have gone, and you re-enact the scenes of re-union enjoyed with some now in life, and with some who 'Have slipped their anchor and sailed away over an unknown sea to an unknown shore.' Methinks you will experience the exquisite thrill that will come of the reflection that you were there."

Among the many In Memoriam pages we find:—

"Sleep on, O Friend, until the waking day,
And ever we who loved thy presence here
Will keep for thee, through changes manifold,
A tender memory growing with the years."

Alexander Cowan, of Barrie, represents West Virginia and we are represented by Fred. C. Steinbicker.

The decisions since last digest from 1922 are printed in full for practical reference.

The Fraternal Correspondence is again in the hands of Grand Secretary G. M. Ford, who says in his introduction that a more discriminating movement is prevailing.

He finds that out of 59 Grand Chapters, 13 have a loss of 1,225, and comments on the excessive loss from suspensions for N.P.D.

Alberta appeals to him and he says:—

"The question of the hour is, not how old is Freemasonry, nor how strong it is, but in the personal application of the principles taught and practised with each Brother, Companion and fellow creature encountered along the pathway of life.

"If he ask 'How will the edifice appear. He will behold it constructed through WISDOM, supported by STRENGTH and enhanced with BEAUTY."

Under Canada he refers thus to the address of Grand Z. Davis:—

"The address of the Grand Z., while brief is full of interest and portrays the activities of his office for the year, and shows that he was seriously endeavouring to perform his duties for the upbuilding of Chapter Masonry."

Of our District Superintendents' system and other matters he commendingly says:—

"They are good reading for every Companion who is at all interested in Capitular Masonry, and we feel that those Grand Chapters who are not using this method, are missing the best plan to stimulate good work.

"The Grand Scribe Ezra, makes one of the finest reports it has been our pleasure to read, giving all of the details of his office. We congratulate you Companion Smith on its completeness."

He comments on our financial showing as "a very substantial situation."

Of the revision of the Ritual and of our Review he generously closes his Report as follows:—

"By short explanatory passages an effort has been made to link up the various degrees in Craft and Capitular Masonry that the candidate may more fully appreciate the connection of the whole and be impressed with the moral lessons inculcated in each step of his upward progress."

"More than three hundred pages are taken with the reviews, and without any idea of flattery, we have enjoyed all, and can say truthfully that we have not thus far read better, or more interesting."

We find this search in the future under Colorado:—

"Yes, Socrates, 500 years before Christ, lived in the age of oratory and the making of laws, and Caesar, during the time of Christ, lived in the age of literature. The renaissance period saw the construction of beautiful structures, and now we are living in the age of scientific development.

"These other periods came, flourished, reached their zenith and fell, leaving only their works behind them. Can it be possible that our Race, our Nation, will flourish, reach its zenith and perish?"

Of Reviews generally he says under North Dakota:—

"More earnestness is desired, greater care in ritualistic exemplification is wanted, wider knowledge of Masonic brotherhood is needed, a larger conception of harmony and unity is required in order that the novitiate may have a more secure foundation and a finer understanding of mysteries which, when reported to the laggards by the few bystanders, may persuade them to come and share in the inspiration thus gained.

"This is really the best analysis we have seen of the things needed to do away with the existing condition of apathy of to-day in Capitular Masonry."

Under Saskatchewan he makes this practical point:—

"The Grand Scribe E. has the same difficulty that about all Grand Secretaries have—that of securing promptly returns from

Subordinate Chapter Secretaries. Many Grand Chapters are exacting a penalty to cure this, depriving a Chapter of representation and payment of expenses and per diem for attending Grand Chapter meetings. It has worked fine in our case.

"One item in the auditor's report interests the writer, i.e., 'Registration including Life Membership, \$331.50.' The Grand Chapter being only three years old—are life memberships purchasable by any Companion for an amount, or is it an honour conferred?"

Our colleague Ford must be also comrade Ford, as under Scotland he shows a great interest in the Army, Navy and Air speeches at their Harmony Banquet, and he quotes and says:—

"As a consequence our fleet no longer represents the numerical superiority of a two-power standard, and our army is once more a little army so far as mere numbers count, though I am convinced that the word 'contemptible' in contrast to the splendid training and Esprit de Corps, of both officers and men, is as far from the truth to-day as it was in 1914.

"At the end of the war, our Air Force had obtained supremacy in the air, and they were probably the finest air force in the world, but this, I regret to say, is not now the case. Our air force is in excellent order and has many fine young pilots, but it is so small as to be almost insignificant compared with the air forces of many nations.

"We in America feel that we are in the same condition. Why is this? With the vast resources at hand, it is hoped that this matter will receive more consideration."

This verse and prose strike him under Washington:—

"I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled a needed post—
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk or boast;
That I had taken gifts divine,
The breath of life and manhood fine,
And tried to use them now and then
In service to my fellow men."

"Adequate moral leadership is the world's supreme need to-day. The greatest asset a man has in this life is his character.

"Take from us to-day the Holy Bible and in less than a generation the world would become barbaric."

He speaks of Wisconsin's wonderful record, namely, that 421½ per cent. of the Master Masons in the State are enrolled as members of Chapters, and as to Reviews he adds:—

"While primarily true that these reviews are intended for the Companions of our own Grand Chapter, we confess a weakness for the Correspondent who expresses his personal views and calls attention to differences when occurring, either in the laws or decisions of different Jurisdictions. Criticism hurts no person, but on the other hand, we believe is helpful in broadening our views."

WISCONSIN.

Thomas R. Mundy, M.E. Grand High Priest.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation was held in Milwaukee, February 15th, 1927.

The Grand High Priest, as most Grand Rulers of the Royal Craft do, gives us something to think about in his address. We quote:—

"May the Companions be ever mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good will they owe to all mankind.

"Have you learned the all important lesson of how to preside over the Chapter represented by yourself? Has your keystone been cast aside as unfit for use or have you so wrought it, that it will fit the unfinished arch of your life and complete the spiritual temple that should be erected and dedicated to the living God? Have you fully learned the lesson of the captivity of the flesh.

"If your work is pronounced good, true and square, may the True Word be given you that you may gain admission to that Temple, eternal in the heavens.

"Let us hope that our zeal and appreciation for the ideals and mission of Capitular Masonry among our members have kept pace with the increase in membership."

They keep open house in Wisconsin. This among his decisions:—

"I know of no law or edict of the Grand Chapter which forbids the use of the Chapter room for socials such as you mention for Masons and their families."

His conclusion is appealing:—

"If we are true Royal Arch Masons and have learned the lessons of how to bring the blind by a way they knew not and lead them in paths they have not known, then we should be well qualified to make 'darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.'"

Six Grand High Priests testified their fidelity by their present worth and work.

Canada was represented by David Harlowe, of Milwaukee.

The Committee on Obituaries combine philosophy and literature thus:—

“The wife of Sir Walter Scott lay dead within his house. In the quiet before the funeral he is writing in his diary. It is thus he writes: ‘There is no theme more awful than to attempt to cast a gleam among the clouds and mists which hide the broken extremity of the celebrated bridge of Mirja. There is a curtain to be withdrawn, a veil to be rent, before we shall see things as they really are.’ True, Sir Walter. Who has not stood thus questioning in death’s presence? It is simply another way of saying with Job, ‘There is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.’ The spirit in man is that special apartment of his nature fitted for personal intercourse between him and Jehovah as in the Jewish Temple the Holy of Holies was chosen. There is a spirit in man, a capacity inherent in him, and a faculty exercised by the Great I Am that has become a common ground—a meeting place for God and man to hold intercourse with each other concerning the things of the two worlds in which both are interested.”

Grand Lecturer Stockwell, the family name seems suggestive—gives a searching report from which we quote:—

“In one or two places I have found that the recreation rooms of the Masonic Temples have a greater attraction for the members than the lodge room has. I found one Temple that appeared to have a remedy for this. In their recreation rooms I found this notice conspicuously displayed: ‘No member of _____ lodge shall have the privileges of these rooms while the lodge is in session. No member of _____ Chapter may remain in these rooms while the Royal Arch Chapter is in session, and Knights Templar may not use these rooms during a conclave of _____ Commandery.’ They had no difficulty in enforcing the rules.

“Henry Ford has made a success of ‘mass production’ but I do not think that ‘mass production’ adds to the dignity of the Masonic profession.”

Membership, 25,367. Net gain, 940. Wisconsin easily leads in proportionate and relative increase during this year of comparative losses.

The next annual meeting will be held in Madison, 21st February, 1928, synchronizing with our own.

A proposed amendment to the constitution making Past High Priests permanent members (without mileage) was lost.

Nowhere do we find a summary of helpful activities so comprehensive as that in the report of the Manager of the Masonic Service Bureau, a whole compendium of fruitful philanthropy in itself:—

“The Masonic Service Bureau has become a clearing house between the employer and employe, a source of every kind of information, a harbour of refuge for the sojourning Mason and his family who are in distress or in need of aid, and the one place where the sojourner can find temporary financial assistance. That we truly endeavour to help them to help themselves, to relieve the distressed, to soothe the unhappy, to aid in their misfortunes, to restore peace to the troubled mind, and happiness to blighted homes. That we do accomplish this, at least to a certain degree, is attested to by the many letters received annually, containing the most beautiful expressions of gratitude, together with the tearful thanks personally given to us.

“Besides the relief rendered during the year, we have placed 1,023 men and women into employment, of which 155 were from outside.”

Wisconsin is enthusiastic about the Order of De Molay and in order that those in our Grand Jurisdiction who favour it, may have fair play and the benefit of Wisconsin's advocacy we reproduce the following paragraphs from the Report of W. D. Isham, State Deputy. There are always two points of view:—

“A lasting monument of wonderful achievement. This Order, which supplements the teachings of home and church, has created a reputation for doing good in the five short years of its existence, never equalled by any other organization in the history of our state.

“In athletics, the Order of De Molay has been recognized as a distinct and important factor in raising the standard of sportsmanship to a high ethical plane.

“Nearly five hundred former De Molays are now members of the Masonic Order.

“Companions, 'tis said, ‘As ye sow, so shall ye reap.’ Can you think of a more valuable crop than thousands of fine up-standing, right-thinking, God-fearing, Mother-loving, patriotic young men?”

William J. Wadsworth, of Toronto, represents Wisconsin.

Samuel Wright, a veteran and experienced Companion, is in charge of the Report on Foreign Correspondence and says in his introduction:—

“Our effort again is merely to call attention to circumstances in the legislative proceedings of the Capitular bodies which may interest our Masonic students.”

Alberta's close connection with the Mother Grand Chapter is indicated in the following:—

"Their committee on 'Work' (Ritual) ask for further time, giving as a reason that the Grand Chapter of Canada has a similar committee at work, and as they say, 'having in mind the desirability of preserving uniformity of work throughout as many of the Grand Jurisdictions in the Dominion as possible.'"

Under Canada the Reviewer enumerates our wonderful list of visitors at Toronto, quotes from the Grand Z.'s address and recites our benevolence. He speaks of our proposed transfer of the obligation in the Mark Degree, to be received shortly after entering the Lodge, as in England.

Kentucky furnishes this matter for consideration:—

"In the course of a few years we will have exhibitions of politics that will add no lustre to the crowning glory of Royal Arch Masonry.

"It is an old adage that when one is 'given an inch, he will take an ell,' and those who will not look well to the future may later learn, as has been often the case that lack of foresight has proven a serious detriment to an organization that deserves the very best from its members."

This ruling under New York is noted apparently as exceptional:—

"He also ruled that any member in good standing was eligible for the office of High Priest though he had never served as either King or Scribe."

Nova Scotia passed this edict in accordance with the almost universal custom:—

"Any member of a Chapter having dimitted from his Lodge shall after one year from the date thereof *ipso facto* stand suspended in his Chapter."

Under Oklahoma and in his conclusion Comp. Wright deals with a somewhat new aspect of the question of fees. We are not personally acquainted with the source of his reference to the olden times and he stimulates research thereby:—

"He recommended a change in their system by adding to their fees for the degrees a sum, say equal to twelve years' dues, and then collecting no dues thereafter. This is coming back to old Masonic principles, every thing of his own free will and accord. He pays it when he joins, while he is able, and when he gets old he is free. The principle of low fees for admission and high

dues afterwards is the rule of the labour unions from which we get the perpetual dues plan that has proved so harmful to Masonry."

We cannot better conclude our Review of Wisconsin than by this piquant criticism to the manual or mechanical decision of the Grand High Priest of Wyoming:—

"The Grand High Priest ruled that a Master Mason having lost the little finger of his right hand, or another having lost his thumb, his petition for the degrees must be '*simply returned.*'"

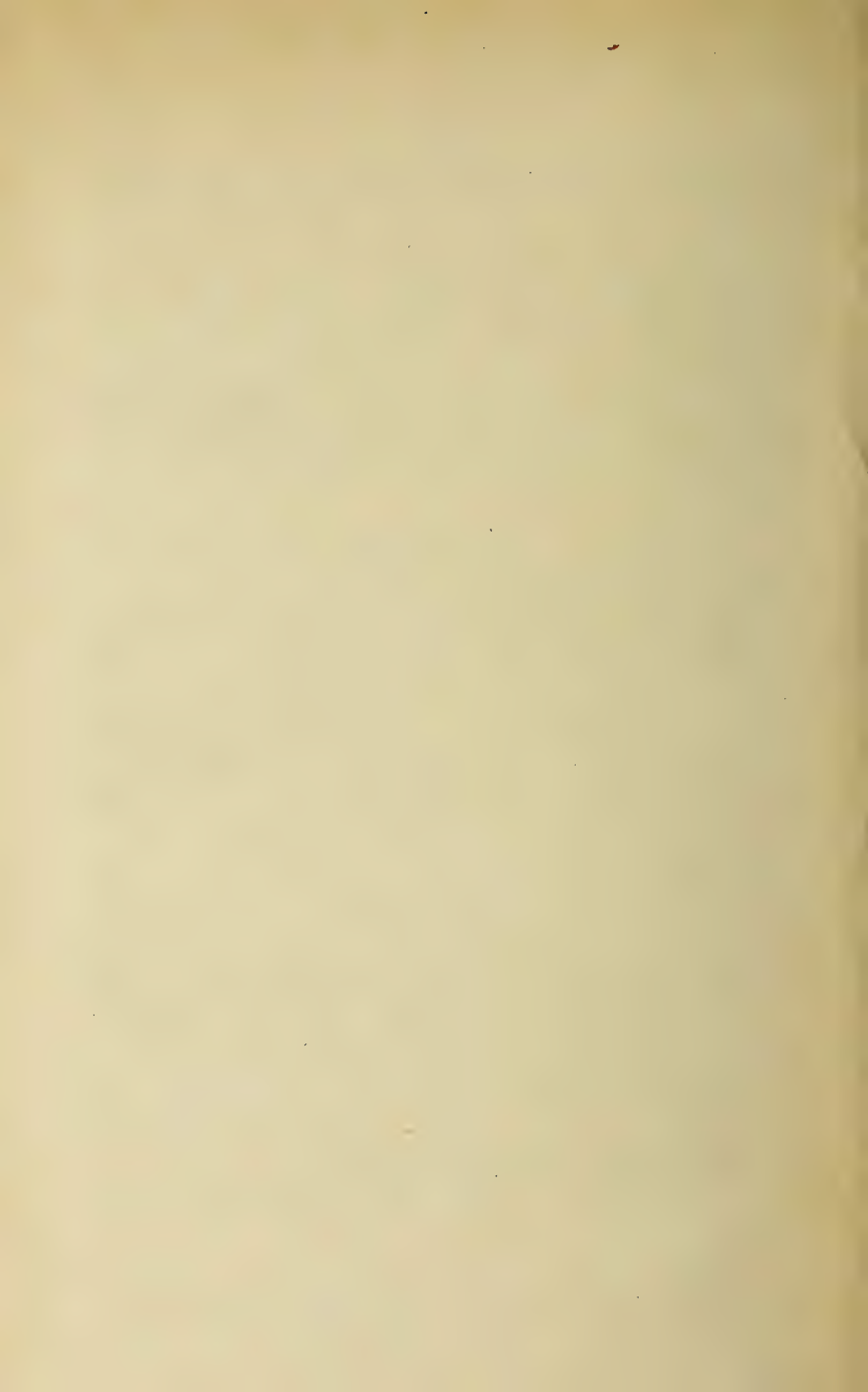
"From this we may infer that a Master Mason who became bald or has lost teeth, or may have submitted to the rabbinical rite, his petition must be '*simply returned.*'"

AFTERWORD.

We regretfully miss the Proceedings of **Illinois, Iowa, and Wyoming**, three strong Jurisdictions, but they are all referred to in our analysis, of other Grand Chapters in the foregoing Review. Fraternal Correspondence spreads a magic carpet enabling us to visit far-off lands. We see ourselves as others see us. Let us grow and glow together. The Royal Craft standing four square does not permit any narrow national egotism. Joseph Fort Newton in his wonderfully revealing and worthy work on the "Religion of Masonry" speaks of the men of the Four Seas as kinsmen in the one commonwealth of man, on a pilgrimage of the quest for that which abides. God established this world as a proving ground. May we give and receive measure for measure. We stand on the threshold of a new year; may it be a treasure chamber of opportunity, of understanding, of co-operation, of the perfect peace of plenty, our most worthy crown. We Canadians send cordial, friendly and fraternal greetings, to all our Companions of the Household of the Faithful, far and near.

WILLIAM NISBET PONTON, P.G.Z.

Belleville, February, 1928.



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